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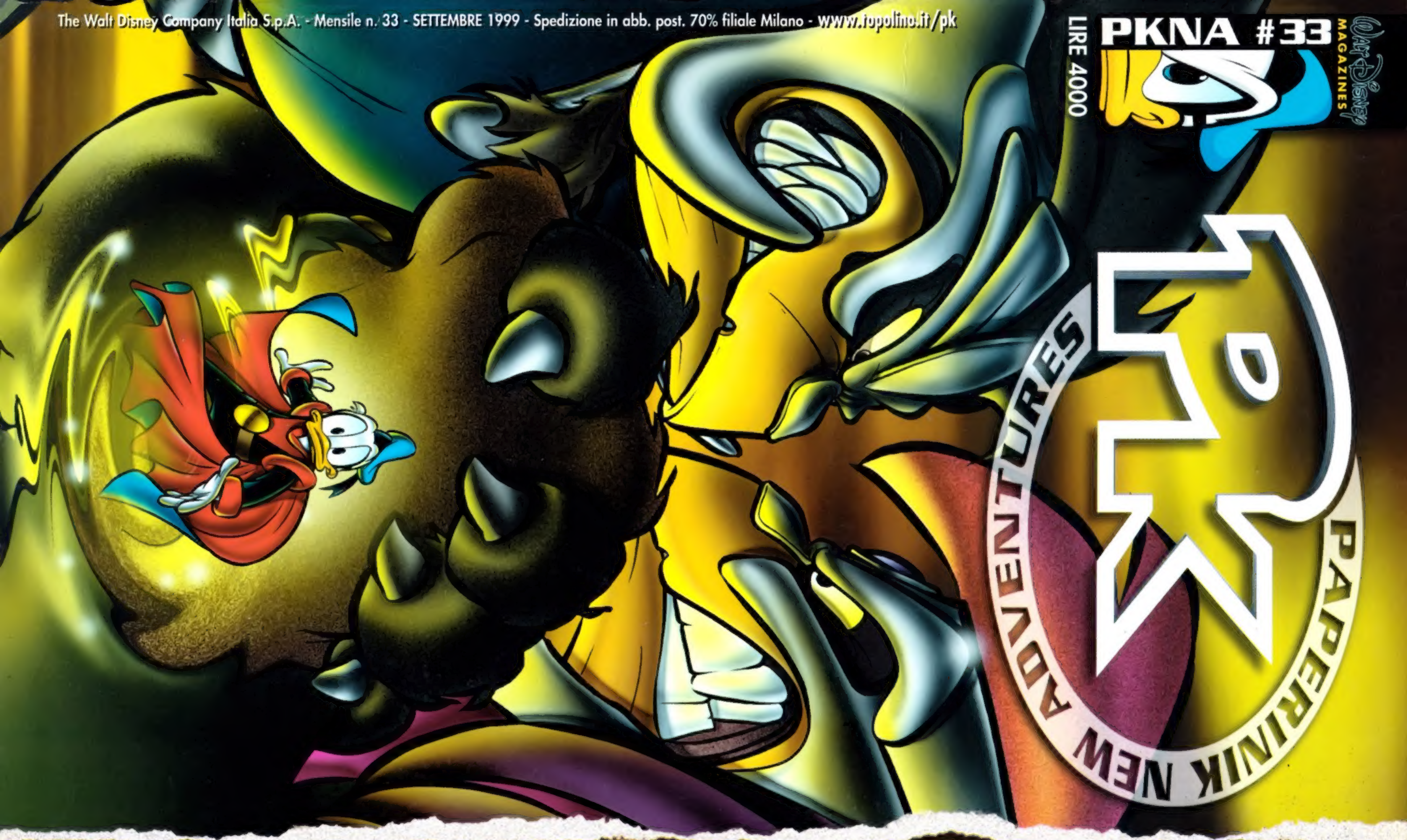

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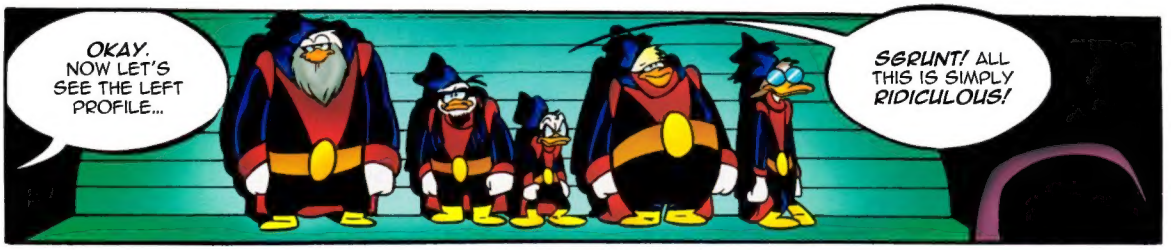

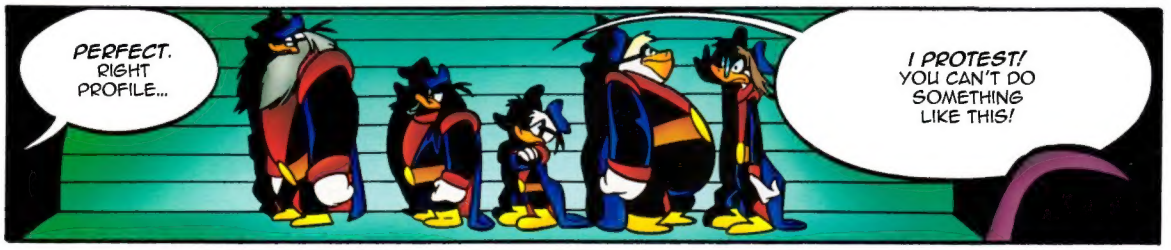

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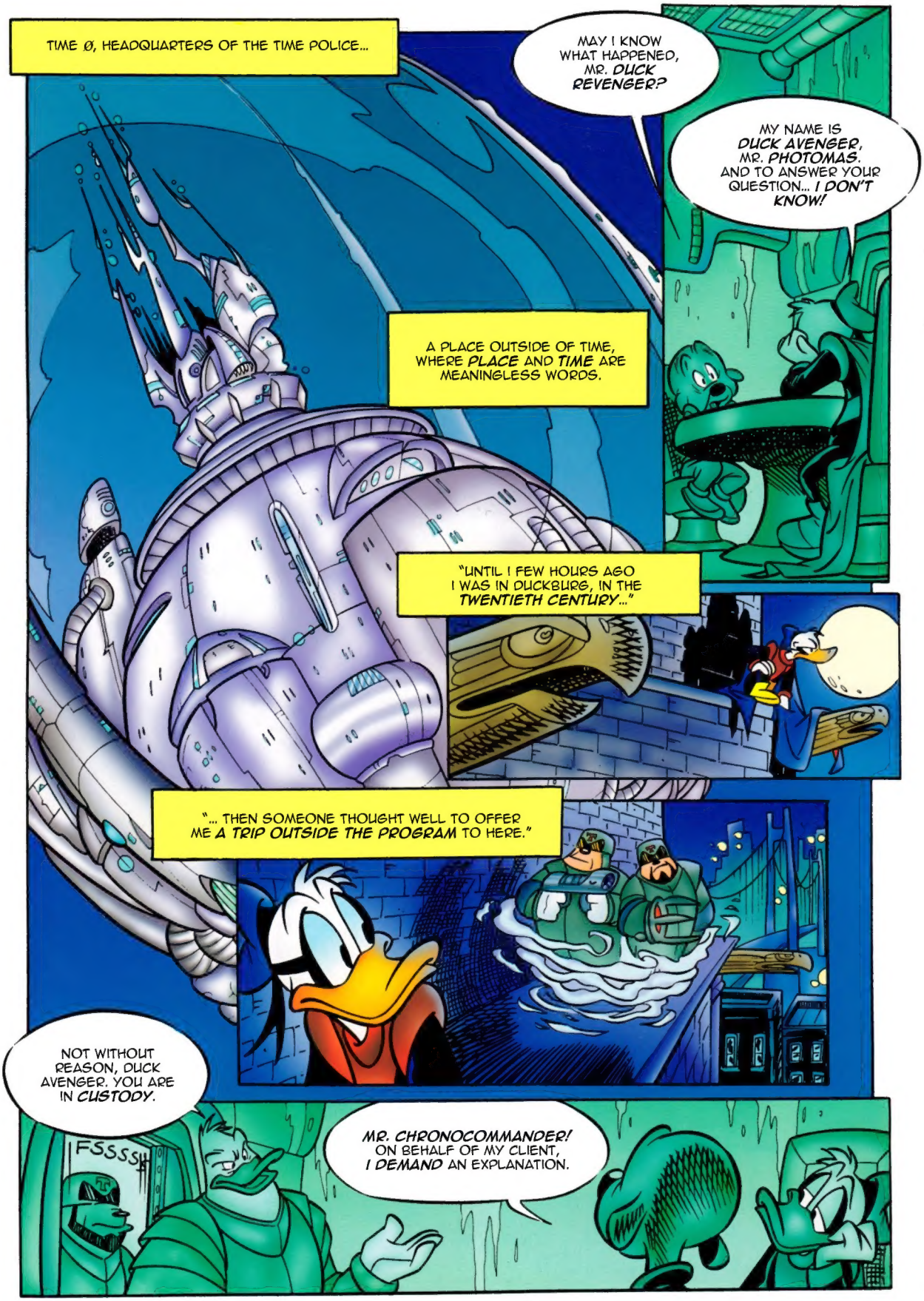
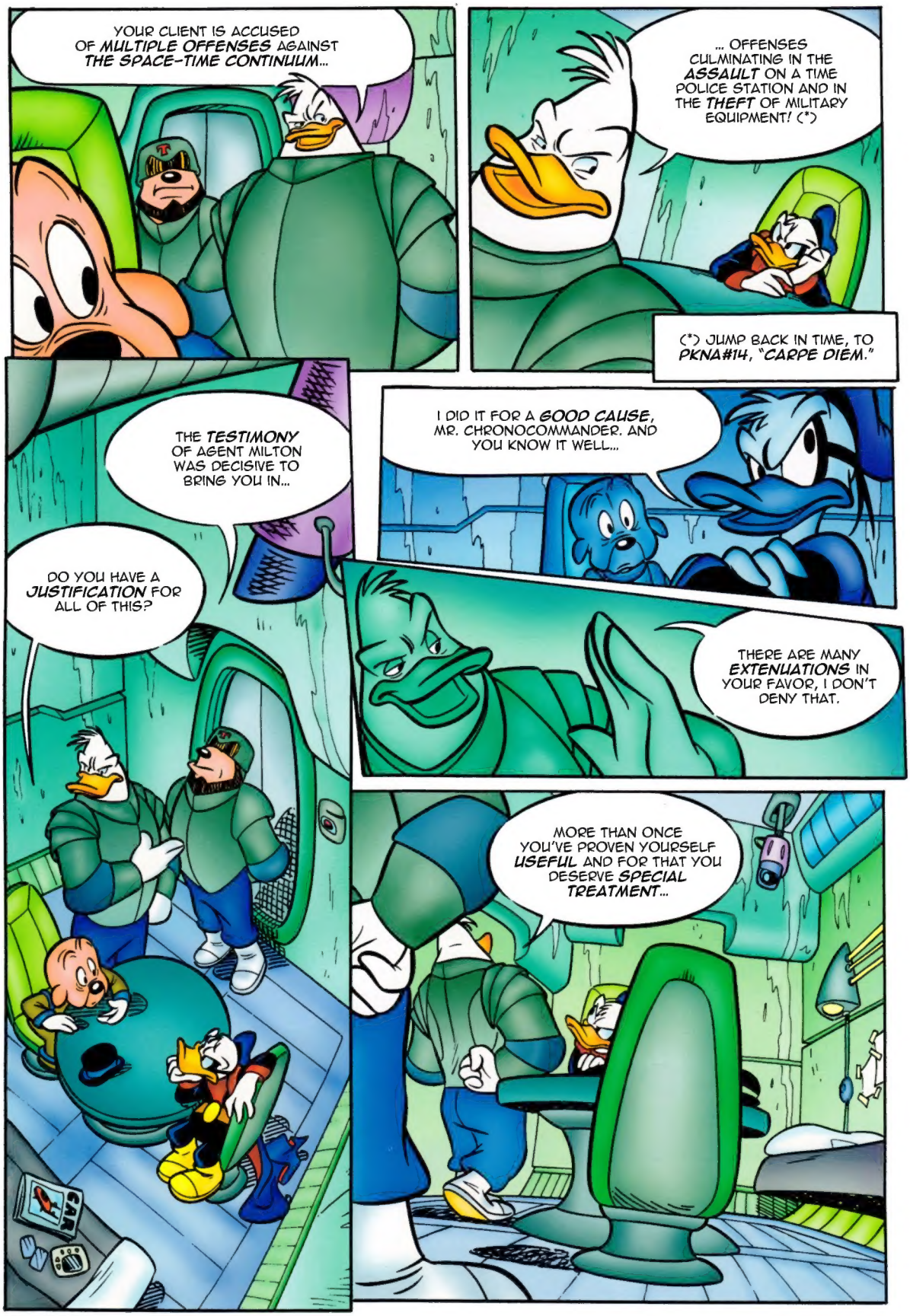
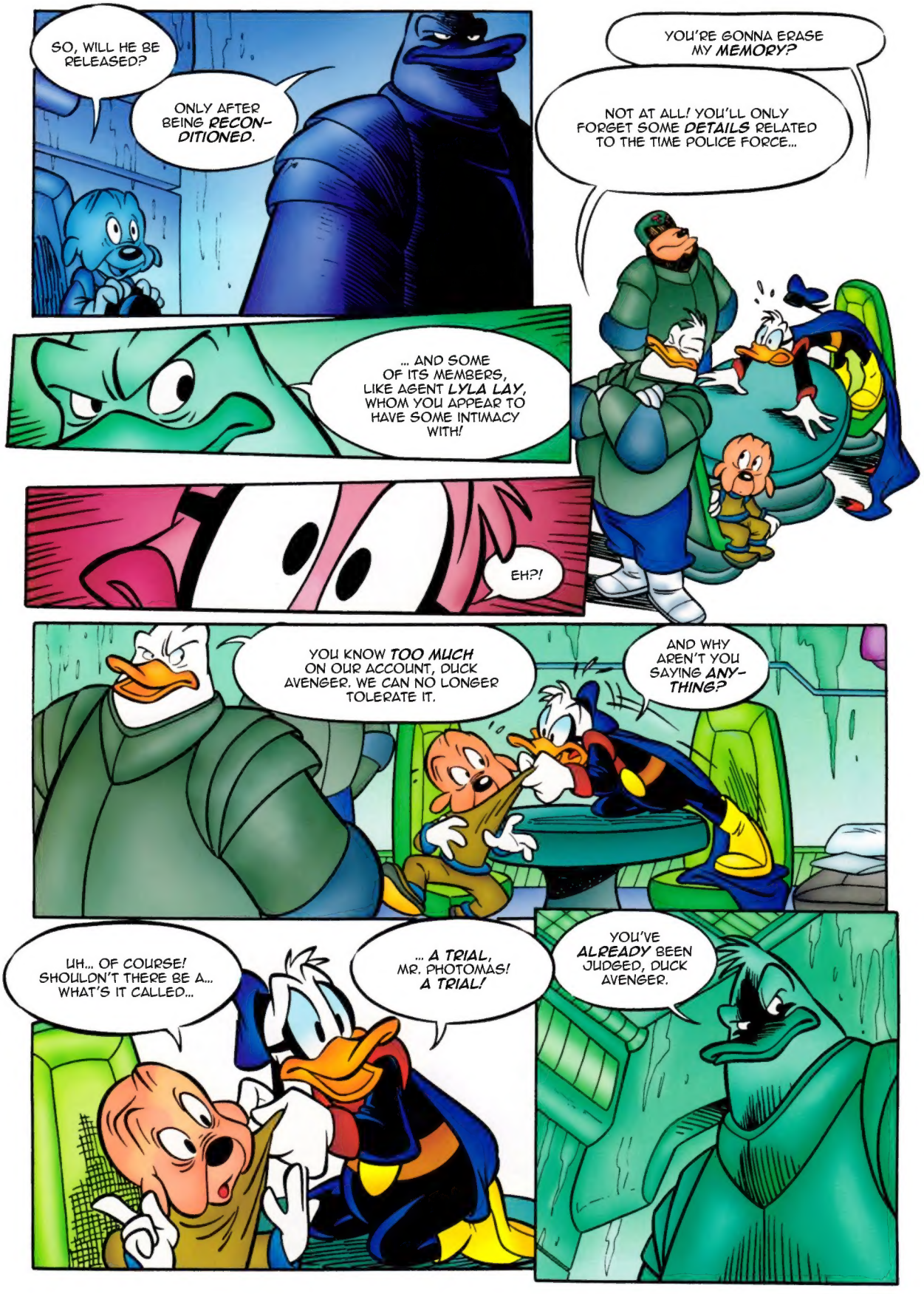
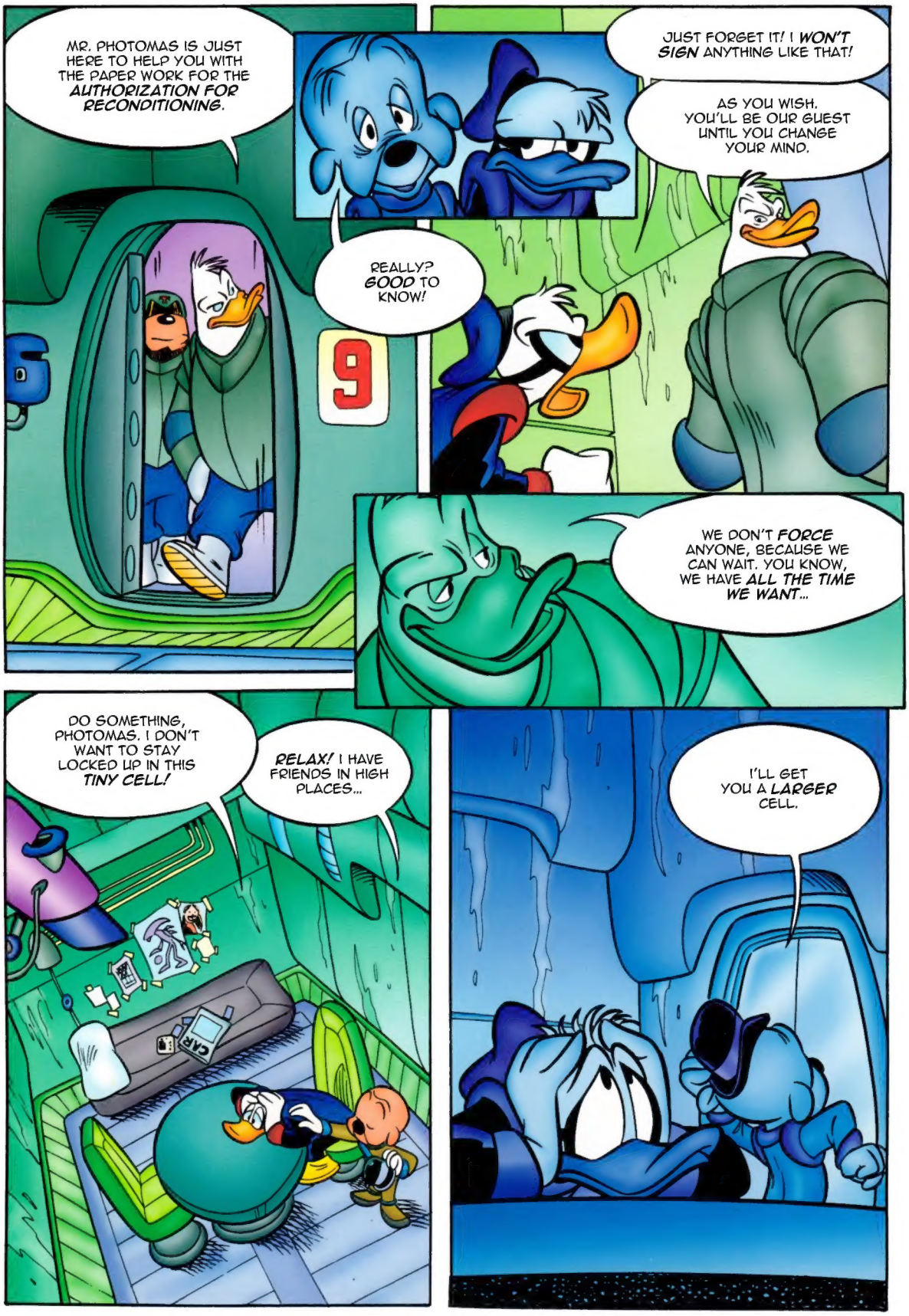
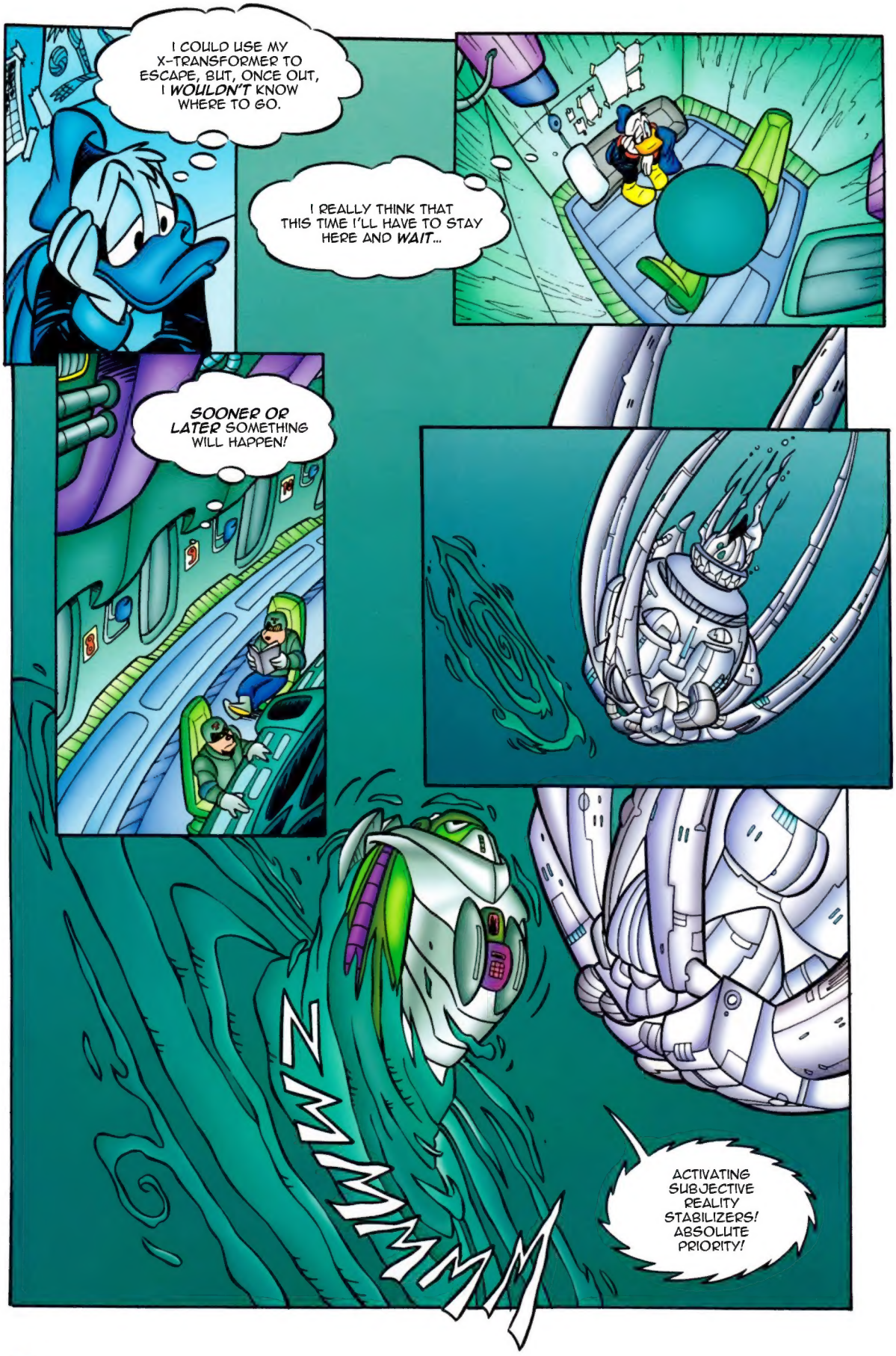

TIME Ø, HEADQUARTERS OF THE TIME POLICE...
MAY I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, MR. DUCK REVENGER?
MY NAME IS DUCK AVENGER, MR. PHOTOMAS. AND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION... I DON'T KNOW!
A PLACE OUTSIDE OF TIME, WHERE PLACE AND TIME ARE MEANINGLESS WORDS.
"UNTIL I FEW HOURS AGO I WAS IN DUCKBURG, IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY..."
"... THEN SOMEONE THOUGHT WELL TO OFFER ME A TRIP OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM TO HERE."
NOT WITHOUT REASON, DUCK AVENGER. YOU ARE IN CUSTODY.
FSSSSH
MR. CHRONOCOMMANDER! ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT, I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION.

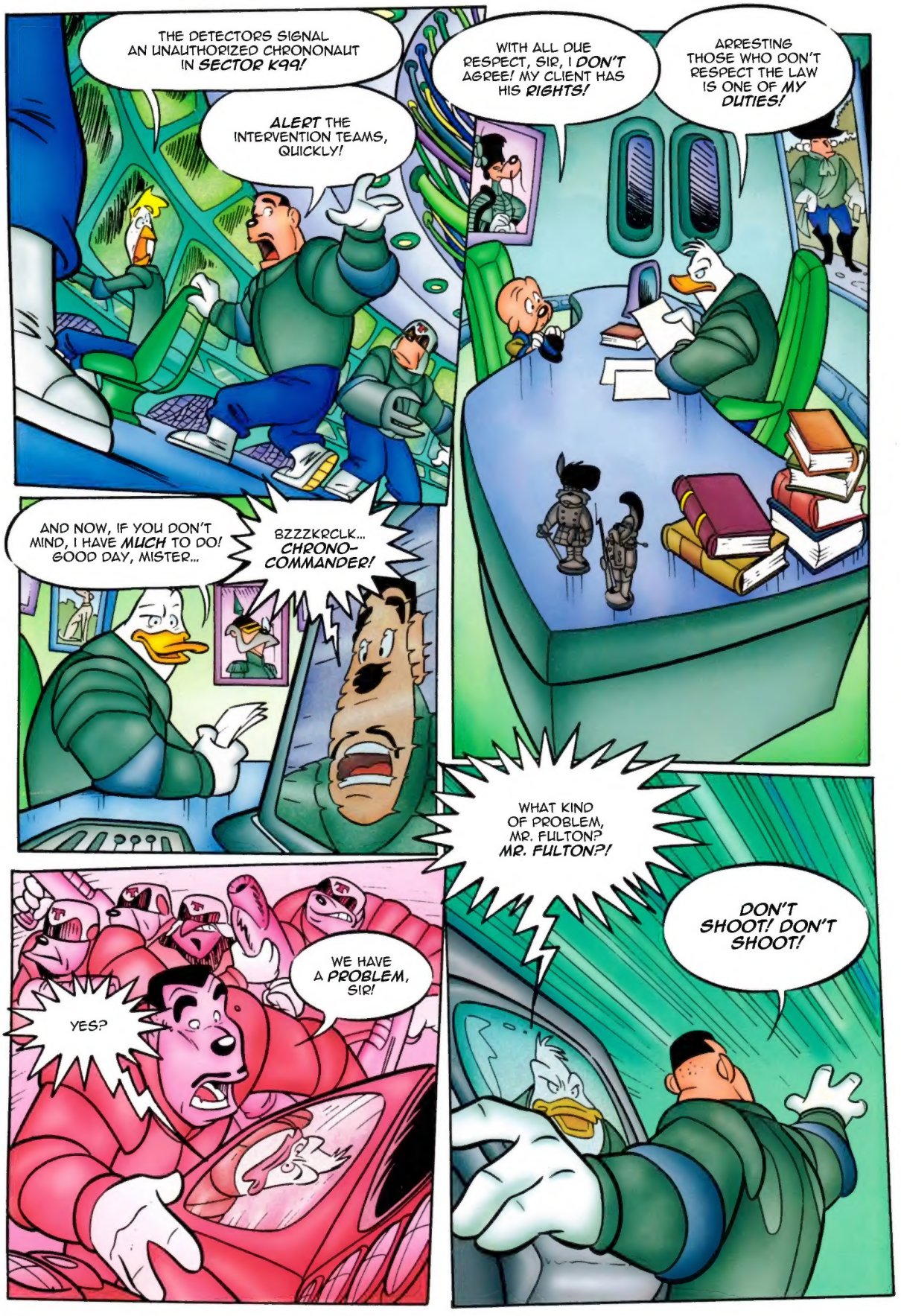

YOUR CLIENT IS ACCUSED OF MULTIPLE OFFENSES AGAINST THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM...
... OFFENSES CULMINATING IN THE ASSAULT ON A TIME POLICE STATION AND IN THE THEFT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT! (*)
(*) JUMP BACK IN TIME, TO PKNA#14, "CARPE DIEM."
THE TESTIMONY OF AGENT MILTON WAS DECISIVE TO BRING YOU IN...
I DID IT FOR A GOOD CAUSE, MR. CHRONOCOMMANDER. AND YOU KNOW IT WELL...
DO YOU HAVE A JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL OF THIS?
THERE ARE MANY EXTENUATIONS IN YOUR FAVOR, I DON'T DENY THAT.
MORE THAN ONCE YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF USEFUL AND FOR THAT YOU DESERVE SPECIAL TREATMENT...
CAR


SO, WILL HE BE RELEASED?
ONLY AFTER BEING RECONDITIONED.
YOU'RE GONNA ERASE MY MEMORY?
NOT AT ALL! YOU'LL ONLY FORGET SOME DETAILS RELATED TO THE TIME POLICE FORCE...
... AND SOME OF ITS MEMBERS, LIKE AGENT LYLA LAY, WHOM YOU APPEAR TO HAVE SOME INTIMACY WITH!
EH?!
YOU KNOW TOO MUCH ON OUR ACCOUNT, DUCK AVENGER. WE CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE IT.
AND WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?
UH... OF COURSE! SHOULDN'T THERE BE A... WHAT'S IT CALLED...
... A TRIAL, MR. PHOTOMAS! A TRIAL!
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN JUDGED, DUCK AVENGER.

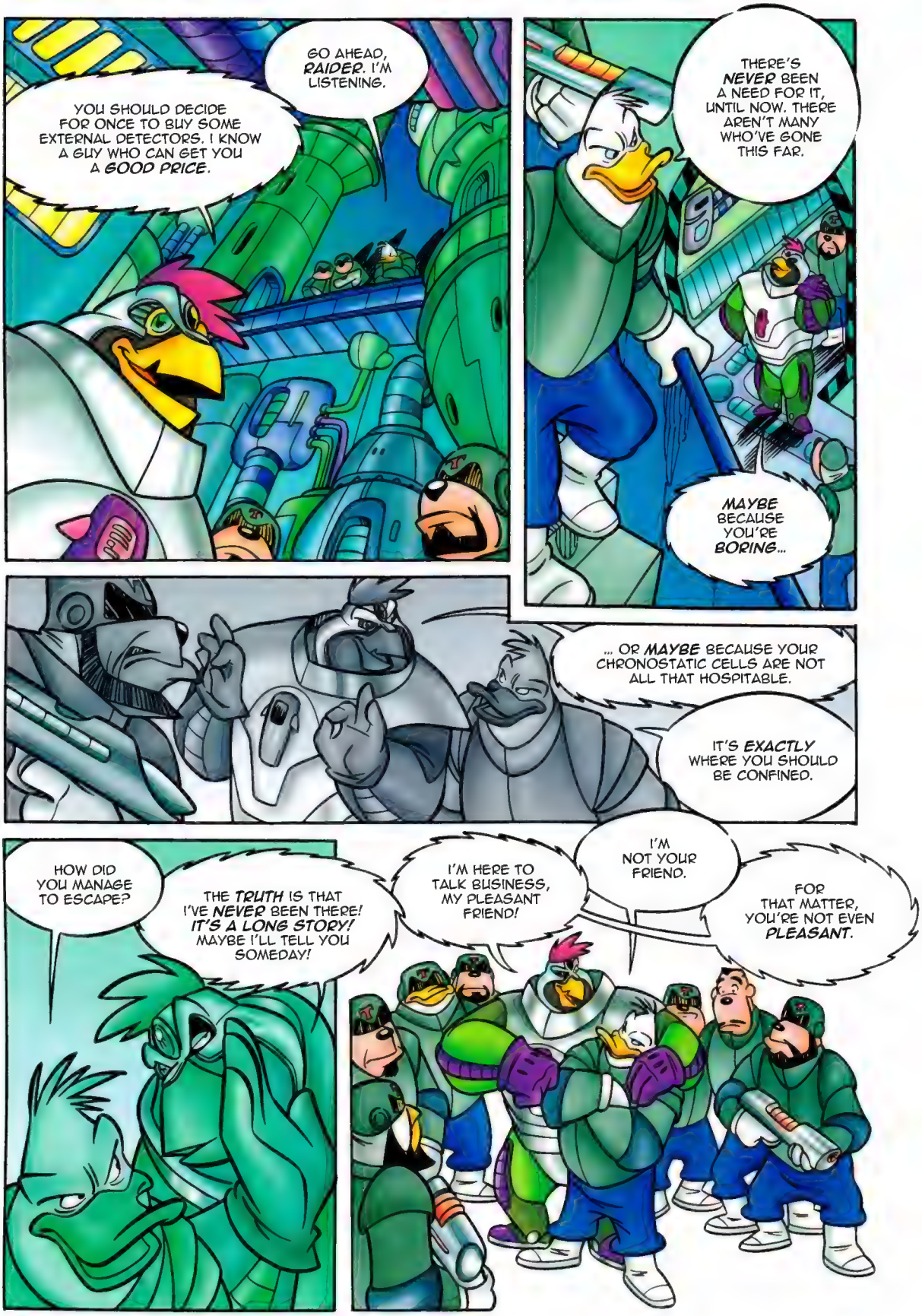

MR. PHOTOMAS IS JUST HERE TO HELP YOU WITH THE PAPER WORK FOR THE AUTHORIZATION FOR RECONDITIONING.
JUST FORGET IT! I WON'T SIGN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
AS YOU WISH. YOU'LL BE OUR GUEST UNTIL YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.
REALLY? GOOD TO KNOW!
9
WE DON'T FORCE ANYONE, BECAUSE WE CAN WAIT. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALL THE TIME WE WANT...
DO SOMETHING, PHOTOMAS. I DON'T WANT TO STAY LOCKED UP IN THIS TINY CELL!
RELAX! I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES...
CAR
I'LL GET YOU A LARGER CELL.


I COULD USE MY X-TRANSFORMER TO ESCAPE, BUT, ONCE OUT, I *WOULDN'T* KNOW WHERE TO GO.
I REALLY THINK THAT THIS TIME I'LL HAVE TO STAY HERE AND *WAIT*...
SOONER OR LATER SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN!
ZMMMM
ACTIVATING SUBJECTIVE REALITY STABILIZERS! ABSOLUTE PRIORITY!

STABILIZERS ACTIVATED. PROCEEDING...
AND NOW LET'S SEE IF THERE'S SOMEONE HOME...
BWEEP
CONTACT MADE. SUSPENDING TRANSMISSIONS FROM THIS MOMENT.
BREEP BREEP
ALERT LEVEL TIME DISRUPTION CONTROL LEVEL 3
HUH?
BREEP BREEP
MR. FULTON! THERE'S AN ALTCON 3 INSIDE OF THE BASE!
THE INSTRUMENTS MUST BE GOING CRAZY. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

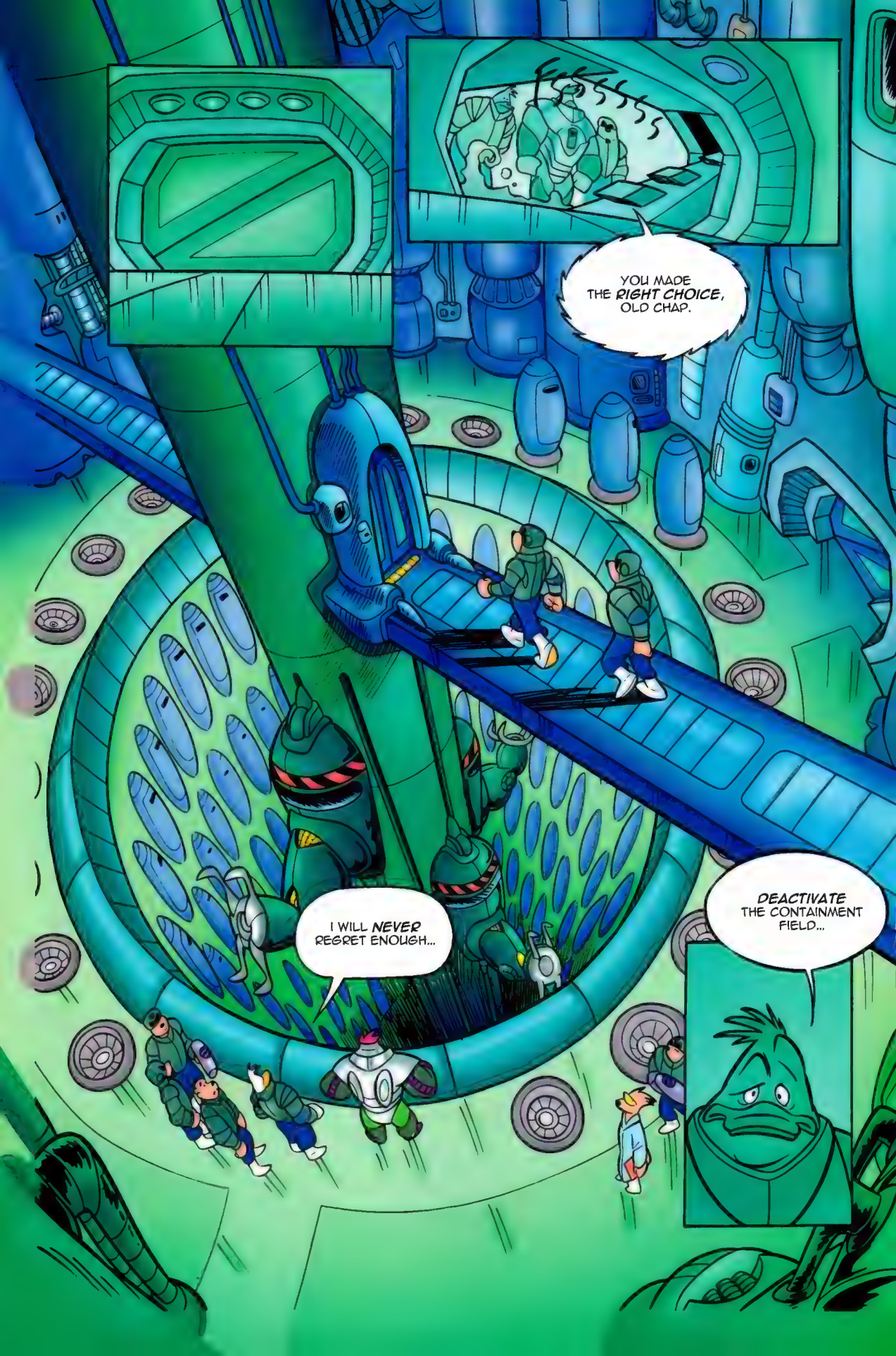

THE DETECTORS SIGNAL AN UNAUTHORIZED CHRONONAUT IN SECTOR K99!
ALERT THE INTERVENTION TEAMS, QUICKLY!
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, I DON'T AGREE! MY CLIENT HAS HIS RIGHTS!
ARRESTING THOSE WHO DON'T RESPECT THE LAW IS ONE OF MY DUTIES!
AND NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I HAVE MUCH TO DO! GOOD DAY, MISTER...
BZZZKRCLK... CHRONO-COMMANDER!
WHAT KIND OF PROBLEM, MR. FULTON? MR. FULTON?!
DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT!
YES?
WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SIR!

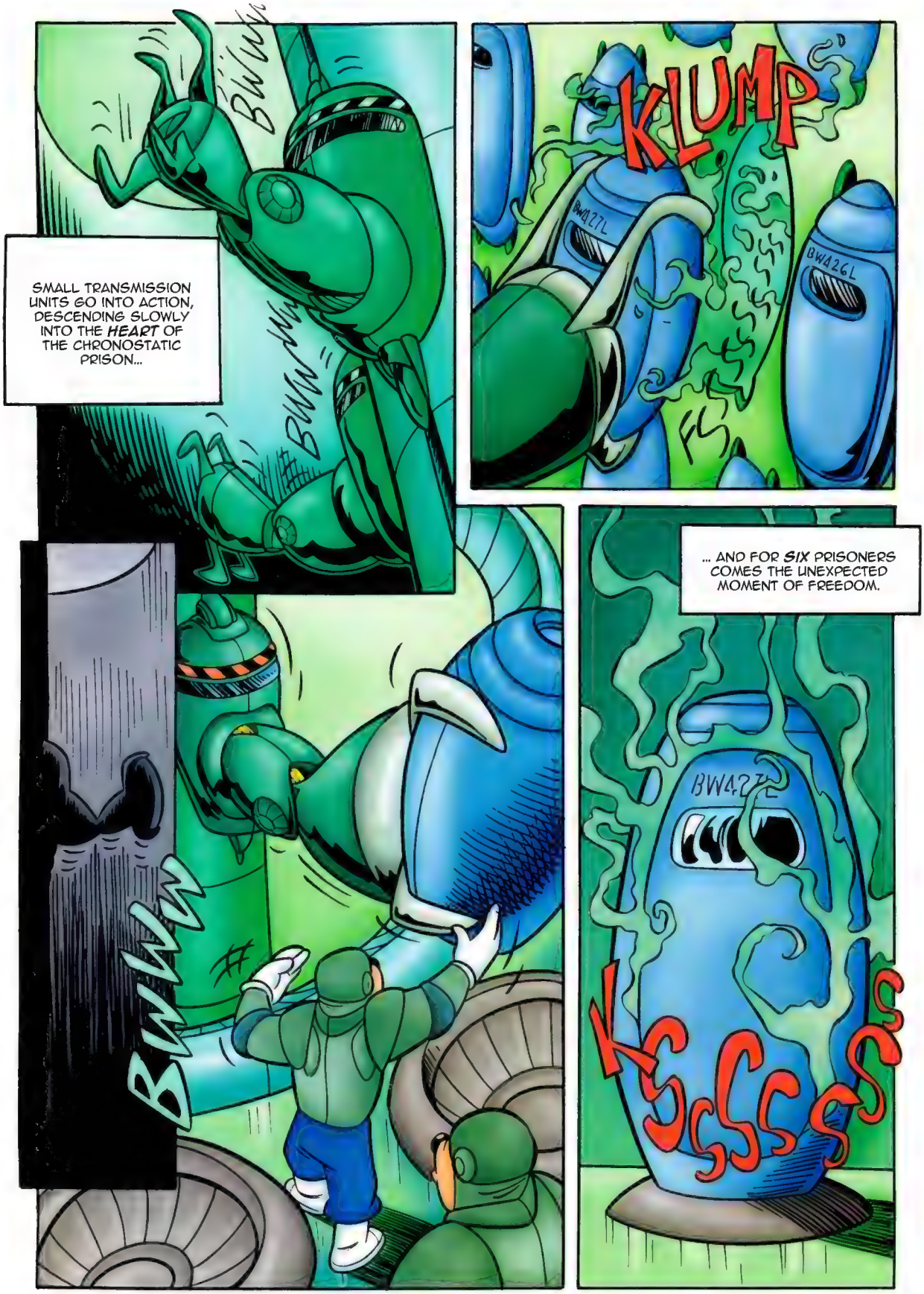
I'D LISTEN TO HIM IF I WERE YOU! THERE'S A PLASMA BOMB ON TIME Ø'S ENGAGEMENT FULCRUM AND THIS IS THE DETONATOR.
IT'S CONNECTED TO MY BIOCHRONIC LAYOUT, THEREFORE, DON'T TRY ANYTHING! IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME, THE BOMB EXPLODES...
... AND, IF THE BOMB EXPLODES, THE ANCHOR POINT OF THIS SHACK WILL GO FLYING INTO A THOUSAND PIECES!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HMM... FOR STARTERS, A NICE GLASS OF WATER. TRAVELLING INTO NOTHING MAKES YOU THIRSTY...
THE RAIDER!
... AND THEN I WANT YOUR CHRONOCOMMANDER. I HAVE AN ADVANTAGEOUS PROPOSAL FOR HIM!


GO AHEAD, RAIDER. I'M LISTENING.
YOU SHOULD DECIDE FOR ONCE TO BUY SOME EXTERNAL DETECTORS. I KNOW A GUY WHO CAN GET YOU A GOOD PRICE.
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A NEED FOR IT, UNTIL NOW. THERE AREN'T MANY WHO'VE GONE THIS FAR.
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU'RE BORING...
... OR MAYBE BECAUSE YOUR CHRONOSTATIC CELLS ARE NOT ALL THAT HOSPITABLE.
IT'S EXACTLY WHERE YOU SHOULD BE CONFINED.
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO ESCAPE?
THE TRUTH IS THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE! IT'S A LONG STORY! MAYBE I'LL TELL YOU SOMEDAY!
I'M HERE TO TALK BUSINESS, MY PLEASANT FRIEND!
I'M NOT YOUR FRIEND.
FOR THAT MATTER, YOU'RE NOT EVEN PLEASANT.

MR. FULTON?
WE'VE VERIFIED, SIR.
AND?
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH. THERE'S *LIVE* BOMB AT THE BASE'S ENGAGEMENT FULCRUM.
I'M ALWAYS *SERIOUS*. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THIS...
SO? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
TO RETURN HOME IN *GOOD COMPANY!*

I DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL THE AGENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION DETAINED IN YOUR PRISON...
... AND I EXPECT IT NOW!
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE BLACKMAIL!
TELL YOUR MASTERS THAT THE TIME POLICE DOESN'T COME TO TERMS WITH...
THREE MEN, RAIDER. NO MORE!
I SAID ALL, CHRONOCOMMANDER. ALL, OR THE BOMB EXPLODES!
S-SIR...
BUT SIR...


YOU MADE THE *RIGHT CHOICE*, OLD CHAP.
I WILL *NEVER* REGRET ENOUGH...
DEACTIVATE THE CONTAINMENT FIELD...


SMALL TRANSMISSION UNITS GO INTO ACTION, DESCENDING SLOWLY INTO THE HEART OF THE CHRONOSTATIC PRISON...
KLUMP
BW427L
BW426L
BWWW
... AND FOR SIX PRISONERS COMES THE UNEXPECTED MOMENT OF FREEDOM.
BW427L
KSSSSSS

HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO LEAVE THE BASE?
A SHUTTLE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY. THE ORGANIZATION HAS THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING.
HUH?
GOOD MORNING, MCCABE!
W-WELL I'LL BE... MAYBE I'M STILL DREAMING...
SSSSSS
RAIDER! IT'S REALLY YOU!
YOU BET.
I'M BRINGING YOU HOME, BOYS!

THIS IS THE LAST ONE. NUMBER HJ9876.
IT'S KRONIN...
IS HE ALSO COMING WITH US?
NO. NOT HIM.
AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE ME?
AND WHY NOT?
HJ9876
KSSSSS

HE WOKE UP, RAIDER...
RAIDER! IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE CALLED NOW?
WE CAN DISCUSS THIS LATER, IF YOU WISH...
THAT NAME BELONGED TO ME ONCE...
... UNTIL SOMEONE DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER IN THE ORGANIZATION'S RANKS, AT MY EXPENSE.
I GOT YOU OUT OF THAT CAPSULE, KRONIN. YOU COULD AT LEAST THANK ME...
AND THAT'S WHAT I INTEND TO DO!
HEY!
BUT IN MY WAY!
NO!
BEFORE ANYONE CAN PREVENT IT, THE PARALYZING SHOT HITS THE RAIDER...

HIS VITAL FUNCTIONS STOP FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND...
... THE TIME REQUIRED TO TRIGGER THE DETONATOR.
AND SUDDENLY IT'S TOO LATE FOR EVERYTHING ELSE.

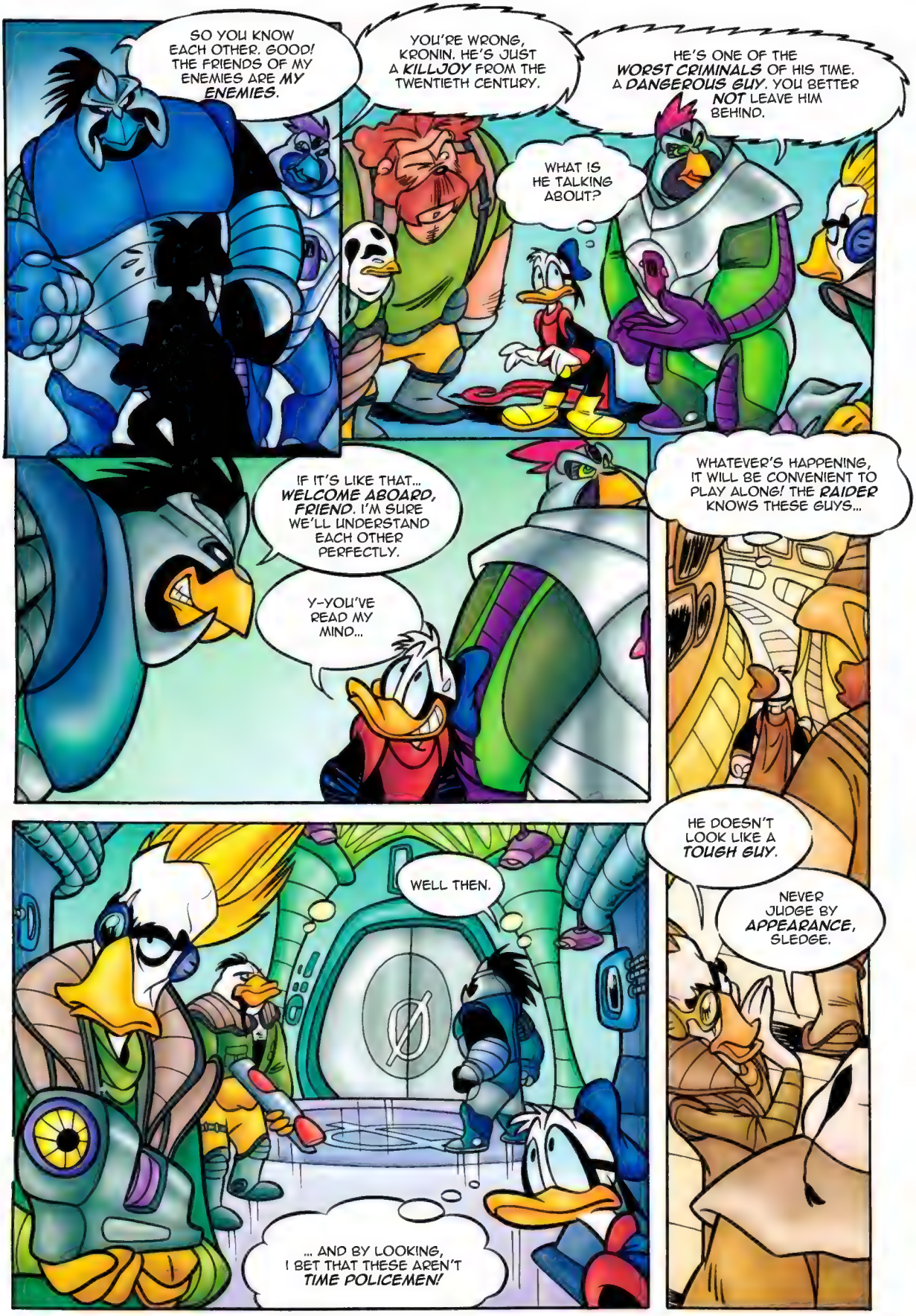
KRA-KOOOM
KRA-KOOOOM
GAME 11
WHAT THE...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE ENGAGEMENT FULCRUM! NOOO!

CONTROL ROOM. STATUS REPORT.
THE AXIAL ORIENTATION TENSOR IS DAMAGED!
WE... WE'RE DRIFTING!
WE'RE UNCOUPLED, SIR! CODE OMEGA! CODE OMEGA!

KRONIN! HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET BACK NOW?
I'V BEEN TAUGHT HOW TO GET BY. TRY DOING THE SAME. IF YOU CAN...
CATCH, McCABE!
HEY! AN MK STRIKER ALL FOR ME. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I USED ONE...
KRAM KRAM KRAM
... BUT IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO HEAR IT SING!
EVERYONE DOWN!
KRAM KRAM KRAM
YAAAH!
AND COULD YOU ALSO TELL ME WHERE, MR. FULTON?
TAKE COVER! GET OUT OF HERE! GO!
B-BUT THEY'RE FLEEING!

I'VE OPENED IT, WELLS!
TEN YEARS IN A CHRONOSTATIC CAPSULE HASN'T MADE YOU LOSE YOUR TOUCH, NASH!
STOP!
FOR THAT MATTER, I HAVEN'T LOST MINE EITHER!
SMASH
THUD
URGH...
OUCH!
AND NOW, KRONIN?
WE'LL REACH THE CENTRAL COORDINATION. ONCE THERE, WE'LL COME UP WITH AN ESCAPE PLAN.
YOU THINK THE TENANTS OF TIME Ø ARE GONNA LET US ACT UNDISTURBED?
OH, OF COURSE NOT! BUT WE'LL GIVE THEM SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT...

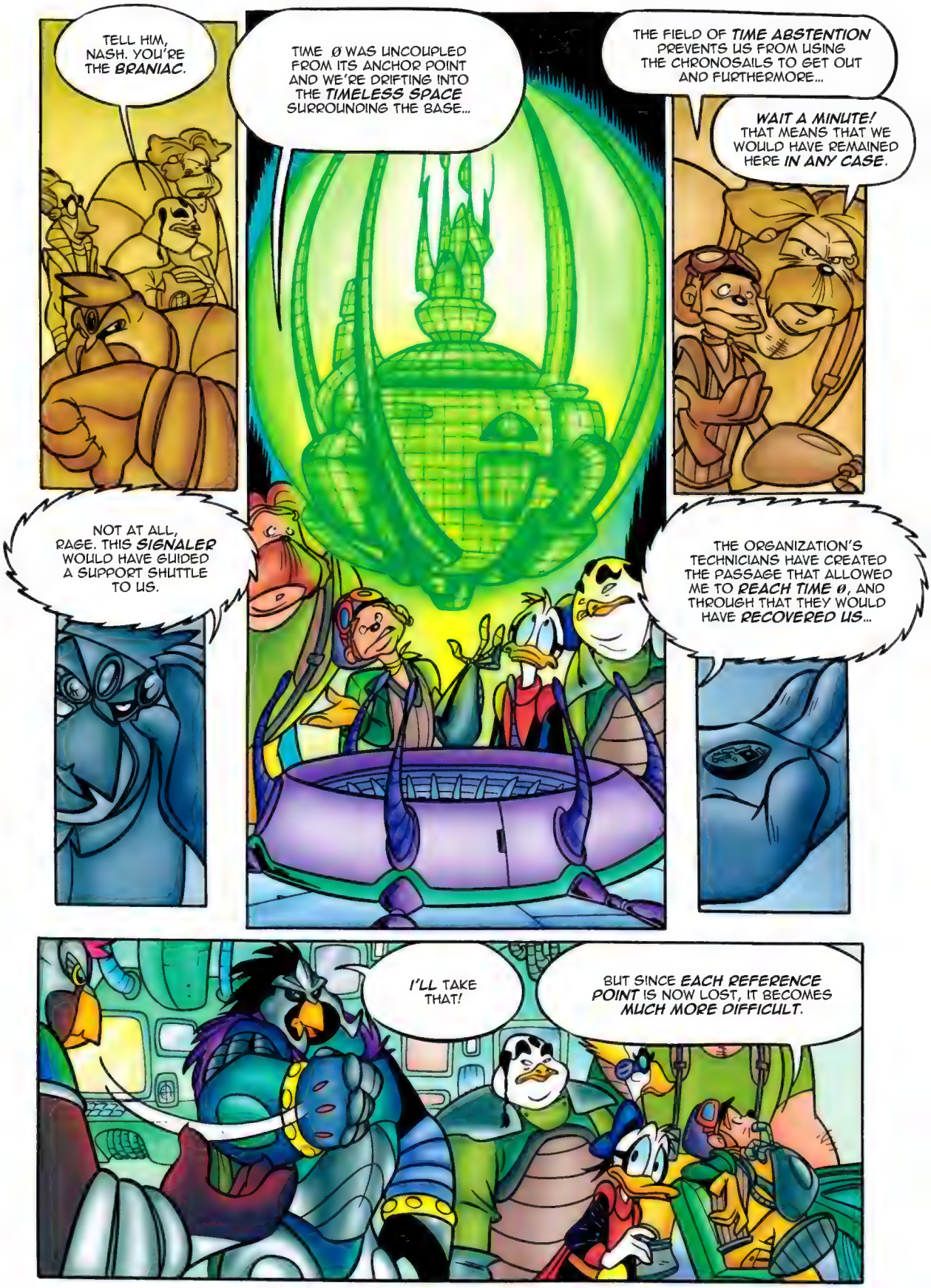
SOMETHING LIKE A MASS INVASION. OPEN THE ISOLATION CELLS, NASH.
GLADLY, KRONIN!
HA HA HA! COME OUT, PEOPLE! YOU'RE FREE!
FSSSSSSSS
HUH?
GREAT DIVERSION, INDEED!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE, KRONIN.
EHEM...
... EXCUSE ME?
DUCK AVENGER!
YOU?!

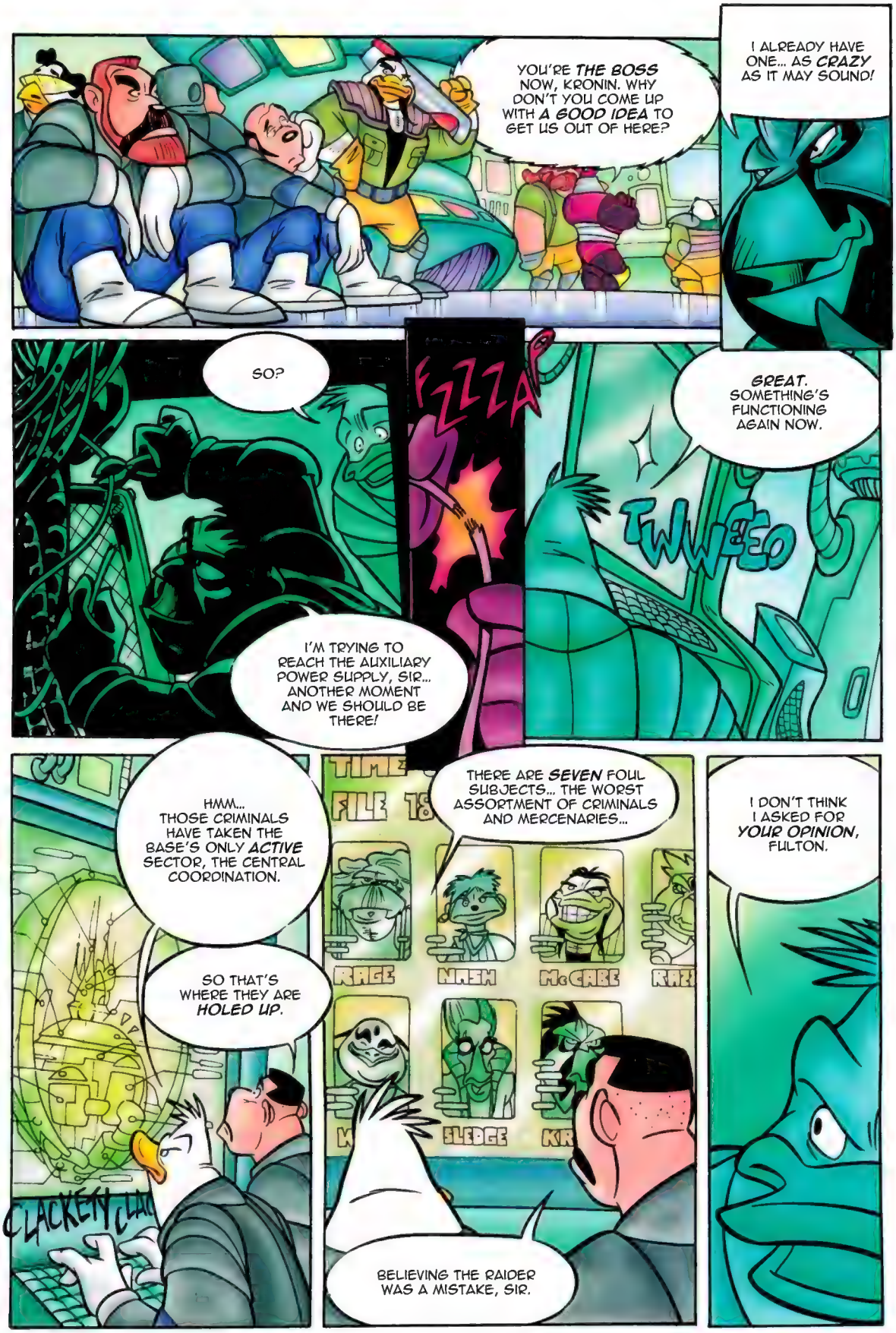

SO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER. GOOD! THE FRIENDS OF MY ENEMIES ARE MY ENEMIES.
YOU'RE WRONG, KRONIN. HE'S JUST A KILLJOY FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.
HE'S ONE OF THE WORST CRIMINALS OF HIS TIME. A DANGEROUS GUY. YOU BETTER NOT LEAVE HIM BEHIND.
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
IF IT'S LIKE THAT... WELCOME ABOARD, FRIEND. I'M SURE WE'LL UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER PERFECTLY.
Y-YOU'VE READ MY MIND...
WHATEVER'S HAPPENING, IT WILL BE CONVENIENT TO PLAY ALONG! THE RAIDER KNOWS THESE GUYS...
WELL THEN.
... AND BY LOOKING, I BET THAT THESE AREN'T TIME POLICEMEN!
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A TOUGH GUY.
NEVER JUDGE BY APPEARANCE, SLEDGE.

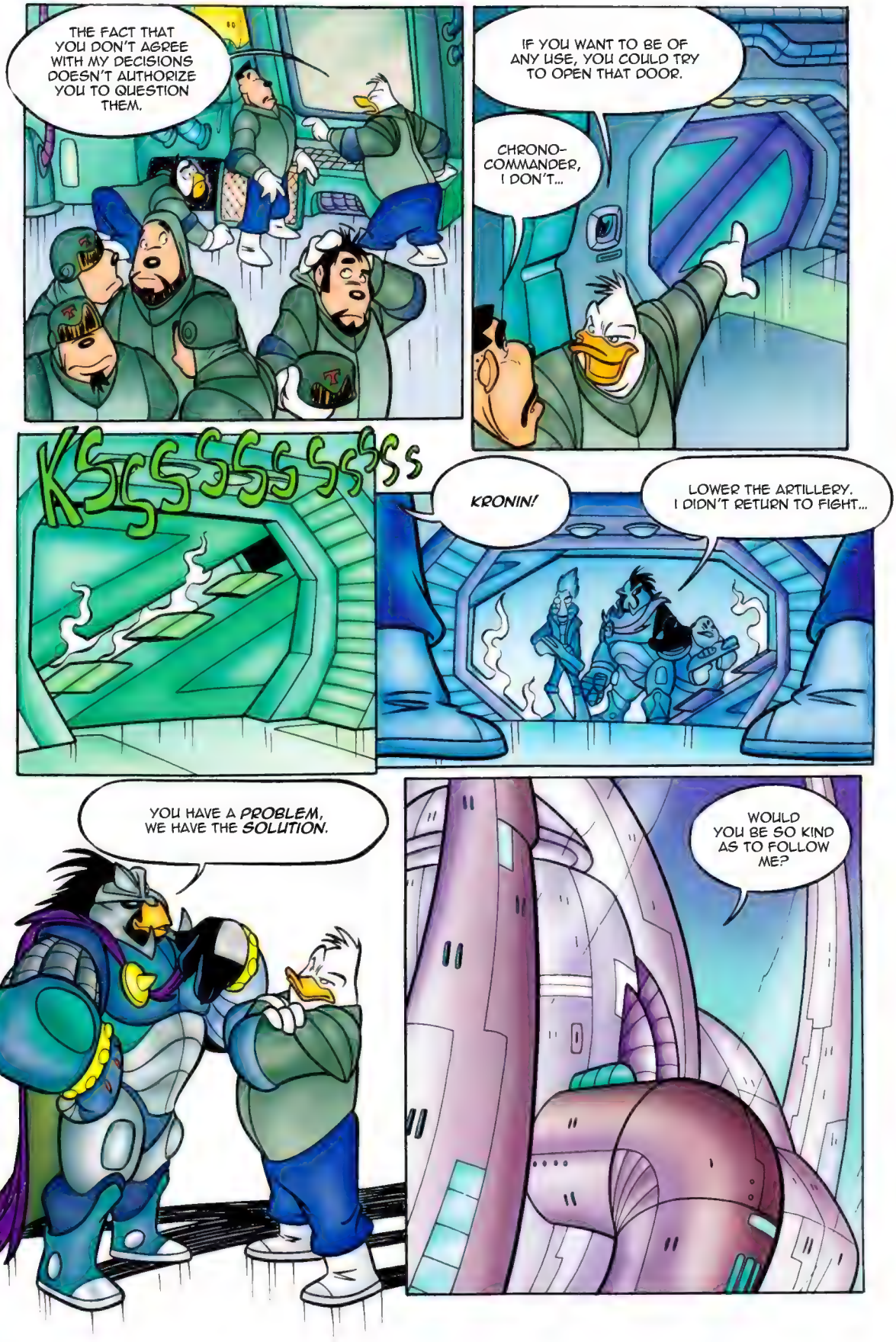
THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE CONTROL ROOM!
I SEE. AND BEHIND THAT DOOR THERE'S A WELCOMING COMMITTEE READY TO SHOOT US.
WHAT DO WE DO? WE'RE FEW AND POORLY ARMED, AND THAT'S THE ONLY WAY OF ACCESSING.
YOU'RE WRONG, WELLS. I KNOW A SHORTCUT...
COMMUNICATIONS REACTIVATED IN SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE SECTORS, SIR.
WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE BASE'S FLUCTUATION STRUCTURE?
REGULAR, SIR.
HEY! LOOK!
IT'S THE ESCAPEES. THEY'RE RIGHT OUTSIDE!
THEY'VE MOVED QUICKLY, AND THE DUCK AVENGER IS ALSO THERE!
BUT THERE'S NO TRACE OF THE RAIDER...
LOOK CLOSER, PEOPLE...
WOOOSH

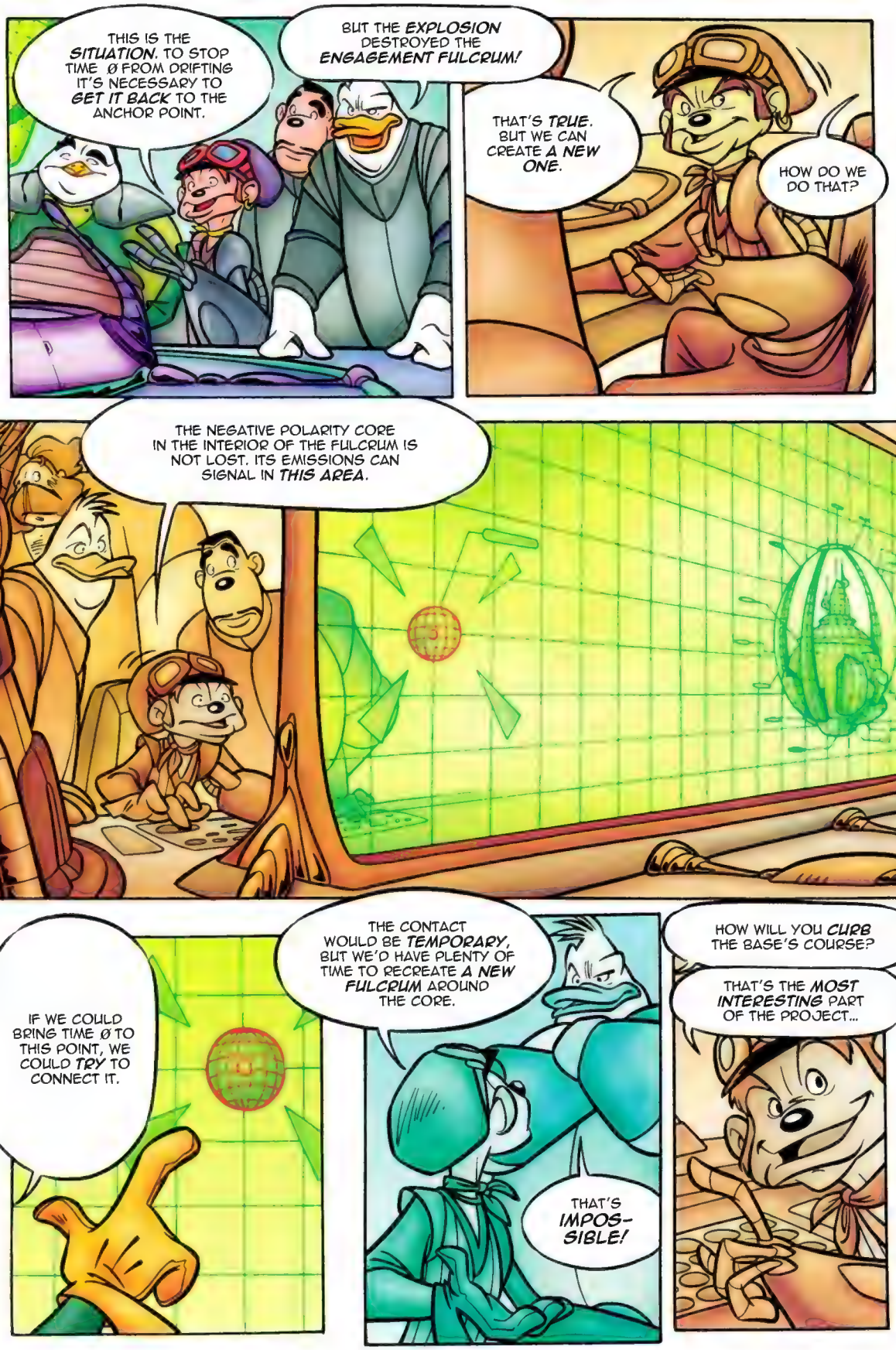
... I'M RIGHT HERE! ALL THANKS TO MY CHRONOSAIL!
WATCH OUT!
BLIZZAP
ARGH!
AGH!
EVEN IF KRONIN THINKS OTHERWISE, I'M STILL THE BEST!
THERE'S NO PLACE IN THE ORGANIZATION FOR LOSERS LIKE HIM!
OUFF!
THUD
URGH!
UMPF!
POK
... ME!
BEFORE THIS STORY ENDS, THE ONE REMAINING STANDING WILL BE THE ONE AND ONLY RAIDER...
THUD

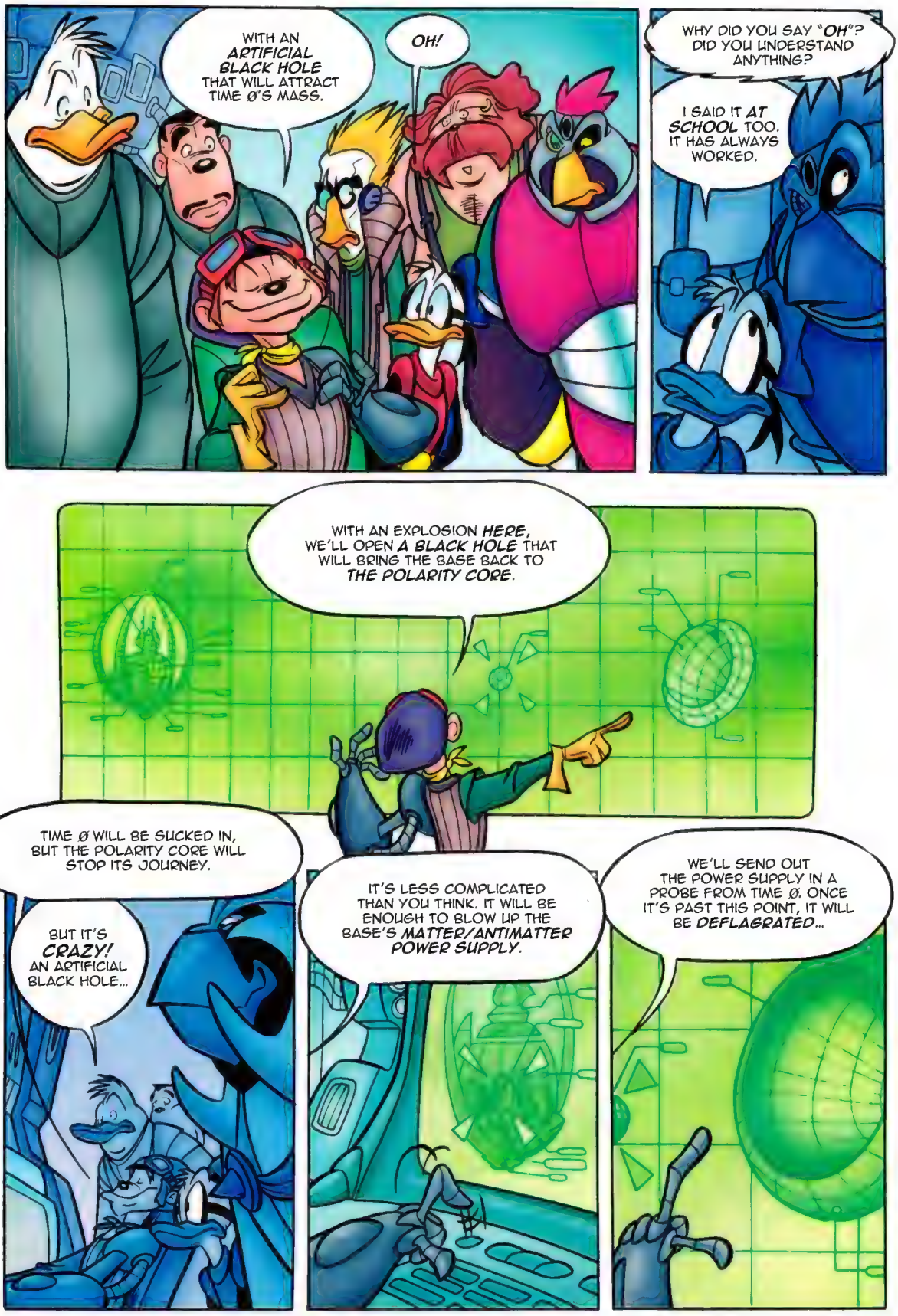
NICE WORK! BRING THEM TOGETHER AND KEEP THEM AT GUNPOINT, McCABE.
THE CENTRAL COORDINATION IS OURS. WE'VE CONQUERED TIME Ø!
THANKS TO YOU, RAIDER. WITH YOU IT'S NEVER BORING.
I'M SORRY, AVENGER. I TRIED TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THIS MATTER, BUT...
THUD
!
UNNNGH...
DISARM HIM, SLEDGE. HE'S USURPED MY PLACE FOR TOO LONG. IT'S TIME TO TAKE BACK WHAT BELONGS TO ME.
AND NOW WE MEAN BUSINESS, GENTLEMEN.
I'VE CLOSED EVERY PASSAGE AND INTERRUPTED THE COMMUNICATIONS. ALL SECTORS IN TIME Ø ARE BLOCKED.
GOOD! DO I NOW GET TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF CATASTROPHE HAS HAPPENED?


TELL HIM, NASH. YOU'RE THE BRANIAC.
TIME Ø WAS UNCOUPLED FROM ITS ANCHOR POINT AND WE'RE DRIFTING INTO THE TIMELESS SPACE SURROUNDING THE BASE...
THE FIELD OF TIME ABSTENTION PREVENTS US FROM USING THE CHRONOSAILS TO GET OUT AND FURTHERMORE...
WAIT A MINUTE! THAT MEANS THAT WE WOULD HAVE REMAINED HERE IN ANY CASE.
NOT AT ALL, RAGE. THIS SIGNALER WOULD HAVE GUIDED A SUPPORT SHUTTLE TO US.
THE ORGANIZATION'S TECHNICIANS HAVE CREATED THE PASSAGE THAT ALLOWED ME TO REACH TIME Ø, AND THROUGH THAT THEY WOULD HAVE RECOVERED US...
I'LL TAKE THAT!
BUT SINCE EACH REFERENCE POINT IS NOW LOST, IT BECOMES MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

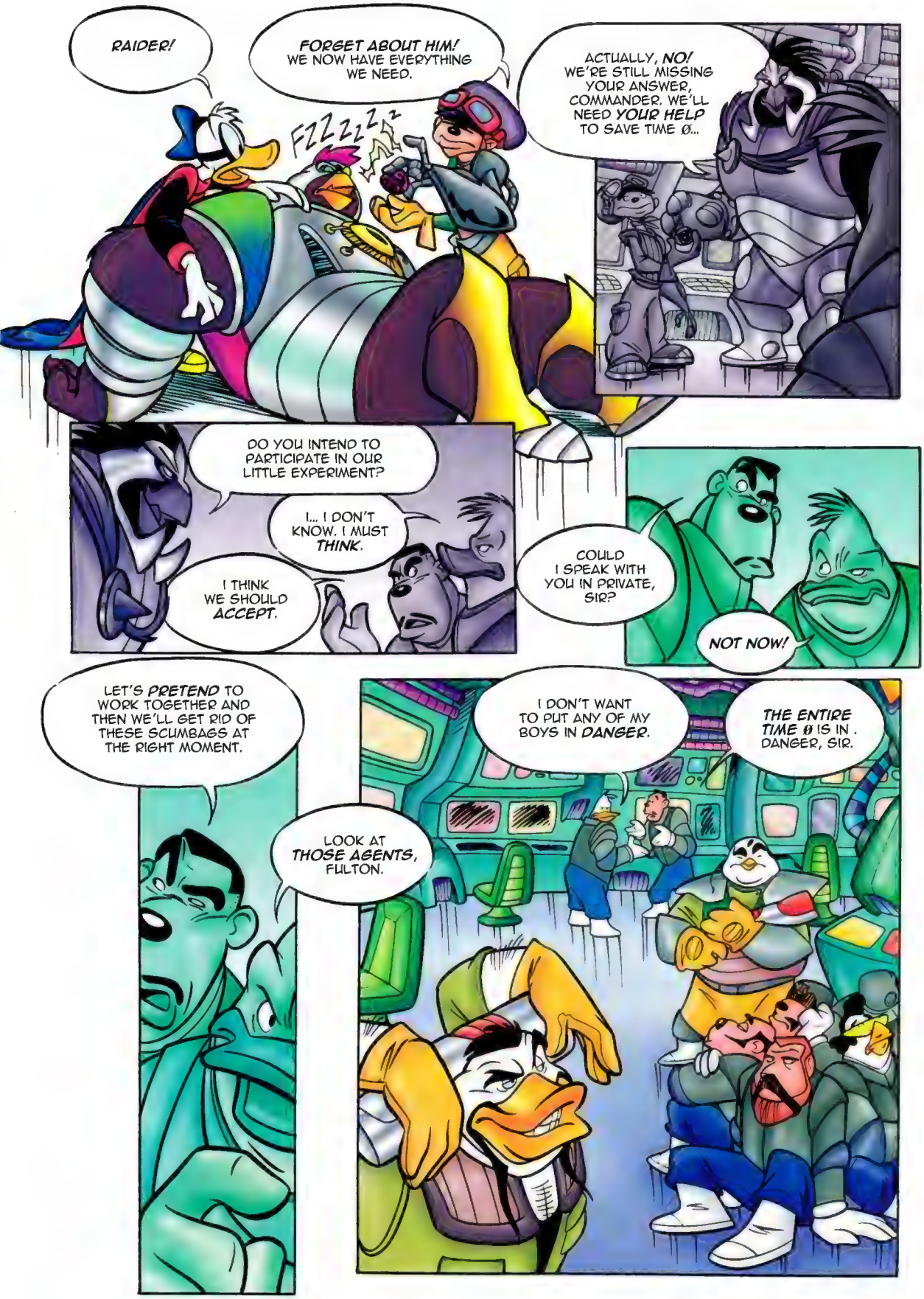

YOU'RE THE BOSS NOW, KRONIN. WHY DON'T YOU COME UP WITH A GOOD IDEA TO GET US OUT OF HERE?
I ALREADY HAVE ONE... AS CRAZY AS IT MAY SOUND!
SO?
I'M TRYING TO REACH THE AUXILIARY POWER SUPPLY, SIR... ANOTHER MOMENT AND WE SHOULD BE THERE!
ZZZZA
TWWEED
GREAT. SOMETHING'S FUNCTIONING AGAIN NOW.
HMM... THOSE CRIMINALS HAVE TAKEN THE BASE'S ONLY ACTIVE SECTOR, THE CENTRAL COORDINATION.
SO THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE HOLED UP.
CLACKETY CLAC
FILE
RAGE
NASH
McCABE
SLEDGE
THERE ARE SEVEN FOUL SUBJECTS... THE WORST ASSORTMENT OF CRIMINALS AND MERCENARIES...
BELIEVING THE RAIDER WAS A MISTAKE, SIR.
I DON'T THINK I ASKED FOR YOUR OPINION, FULTON.


THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T AGREE WITH MY DECISIONS DOESN'T AUTHORIZE YOU TO QUESTION THEM.
IF YOU WANT TO BE OF ANY USE, YOU COULD TRY TO OPEN THAT DOOR.
CHRONO-COMMANDER, I DON'T...
KSSSSSSSSSS
KRONIN!
LOWER THE ARTILLERY. I DIDN'T RETURN TO FIGHT...
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, WE HAVE THE SOLUTION.
WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO FOLLOW ME?


THIS IS THE SITUATION. TO STOP TIME Ø FROM DRIFTING IT'S NECESSARY TO GET IT BACK TO THE ANCHOR POINT.
BUT THE EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE ENGAGEMENT FULCRUM!
THAT'S TRUE. BUT WE CAN CREATE A NEW ONE.
HOW DO WE DO THAT?
THE NEGATIVE POLARITY CORE IN THE INTERIOR OF THE FULCRUM IS NOT LOST. ITS EMISSIONS CAN SIGNAL IN THIS AREA.
IF WE COULD BRING TIME Ø TO THIS POINT, WE COULD TRY TO CONNECT IT.
THE CONTACT WOULD BE TEMPORARY, BUT WE'D HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO RECREATE A NEW FULCRUM AROUND THE CORE.
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
HOW WILL YOU CURB THE BASE'S COURSE?
THAT'S THE MOST INTERESTING PART OF THE PROJECT...


WITH AN ARTIFICIAL BLACK HOLE THAT WILL ATTRACT TIME Ø'S MASS.
OH!
WHY DID YOU SAY "OH"? DID YOU UNDERSTAND ANYTHING?
I SAID IT AT SCHOOL TOO. IT HAS ALWAYS WORKED.
WITH AN EXPLOSION HERE, WE'LL OPEN A BLACK HOLE THAT WILL BRING THE BASE BACK TO THE POLARITY CORE.
TIME Ø WILL BE SUCKED IN, BUT THE POLARITY CORE WILL STOP ITS JOURNEY.
BUT IT'S CRAZY! AN ARTIFICIAL BLACK HOLE...
IT'S LESS COMPLICATED THAN YOU THINK. IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO BLOW UP THE BASE'S MATTER/ANTIMATTER POWER SUPPLY.
WE'LL SEND OUT THE POWER SUPPLY IN A PROBE FROM TIME Ø. ONCE IT'S PAST THIS POINT, IT WILL BE DEFLAGRATED...

THE BASE'S POWER SUPPLY... BUT THIS WAY *TIME 0'S AUTONOMY* WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM.
HOW CAN WE BE SURE THAT THE EXPLOSION WILL BE *IN THE RIGHT POINT AND THE RIGHT MOMENT?*
WHEN THE PROBE PASSES THE POLARITY CORE, *EACH POINT* WILL BE THE RIGHT ONE. AND AS FOR THE MOMENT...
... WE'LL HAVE A SPECIAL TIMER. A *TACHYON DECELERATOR!*
WE HAVE NOTHING LIKE THAT IN OUR STORAGE...
THAT'S NOT *A PROBLEM.* I HAVE A FRIEND WHO POSSESSES ONE. HE'LL BE *HAPPY* TO LEND US IT.
YOU CAN'T DO THIS, KRONIN...
IT REGULATES *ALL* THE FUNCTIONS OF MY ARMOR. WITHOUT THAT DECELERATOR I *WON'T SURVIVE* FOR LONG.
I'D LOVE TO HEAR YOU BEG FOR HOURS, BUT IT'S TOO LATE...
ARGH!
... *YOUR TIME IS UP!*
ZZZ CRACKLE

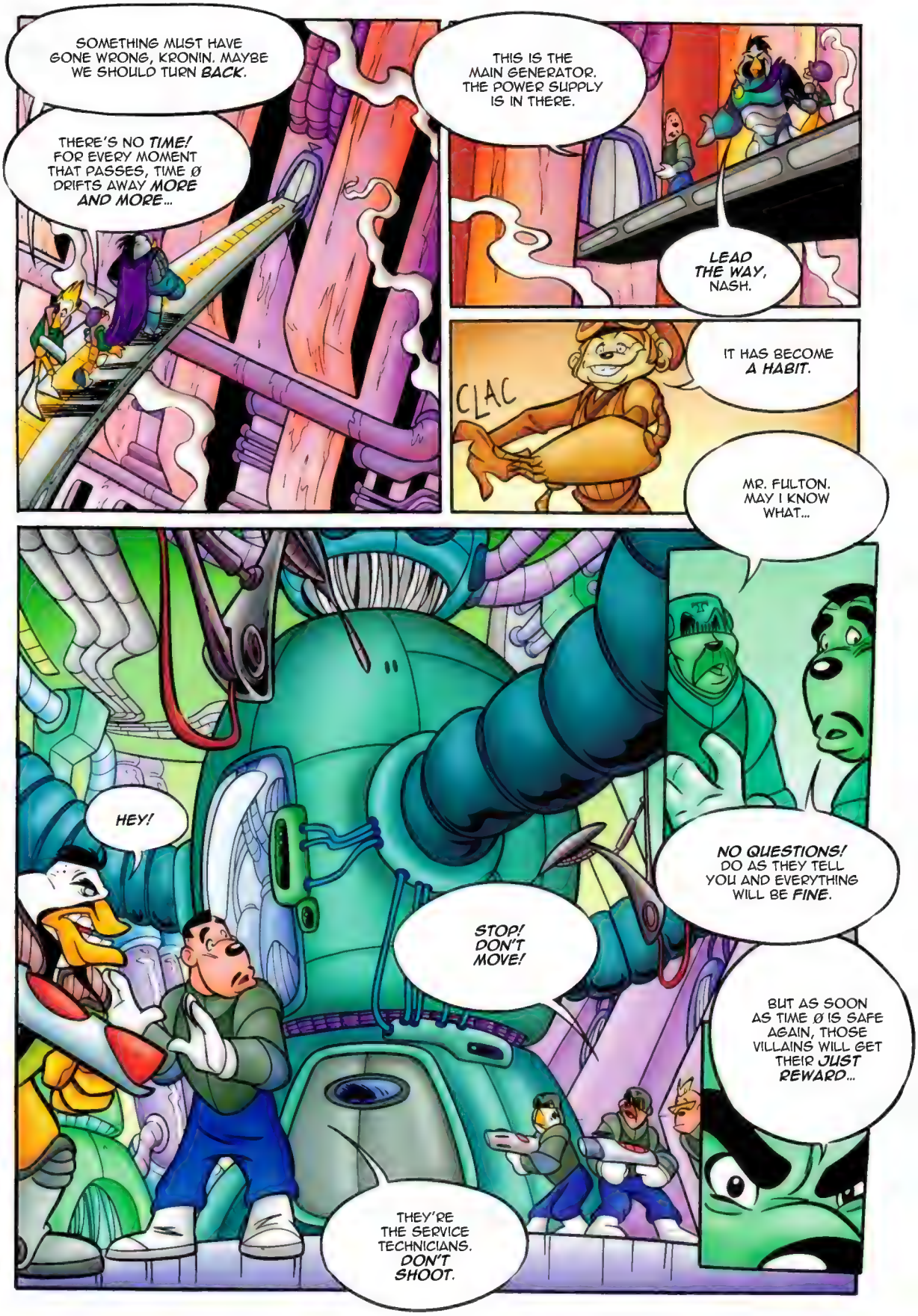

RAIDER!
FORGET ABOUT HIM! WE NOW HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED.
FZZZZZZ
ACTUALLY, NO! WE'RE STILL MISSING YOUR ANSWER, COMMANDER. WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE TIME Ø...
DO YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR LITTLE EXPERIMENT?
I... I DON'T KNOW. I MUST THINK.
I THINK WE SHOULD ACCEPT.
COULD I SPEAK WITH YOU IN PRIVATE, SIR?
NOT NOW!
LET'S PRETEND TO WORK TOGETHER AND THEN WE'LL GET RID OF THESE SCUMBAGS AT THE RIGHT MOMENT.
LOOK AT THOSE AGENTS, FULTON.
I DON'T WANT TO PUT ANY OF MY BOYS IN DANGER.
THE ENTIRE TIME Ø IS IN DANGER, SIR.

THE ANSWER IS NO, FULTON.
YOU'RE NOT CAPABLE OF MAKING A DECISION, SIR.
AS SECOND OFFICER AND ON THE BASIS OF THE RULES LAID DOWN BY THE CODE EMERGENCY, I RELIEVE YOU FROM DUTY.
FULTON!
LISTEN. LISTEN TO THE STORM IN THE FAMILY.
YOU'RE DISMISSED, SIR!
I ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL, KRONIN. I'LL PERSONALLY GUIDE YOU TO TIME Ø'S POWER SUPPLY.
WISE DECISION, BOY.
THIS IS MUTINY, FULTON!
PUT HIM WITH THE OTHERS! SLEDGE, NASH AND MCCABE WITH ME!

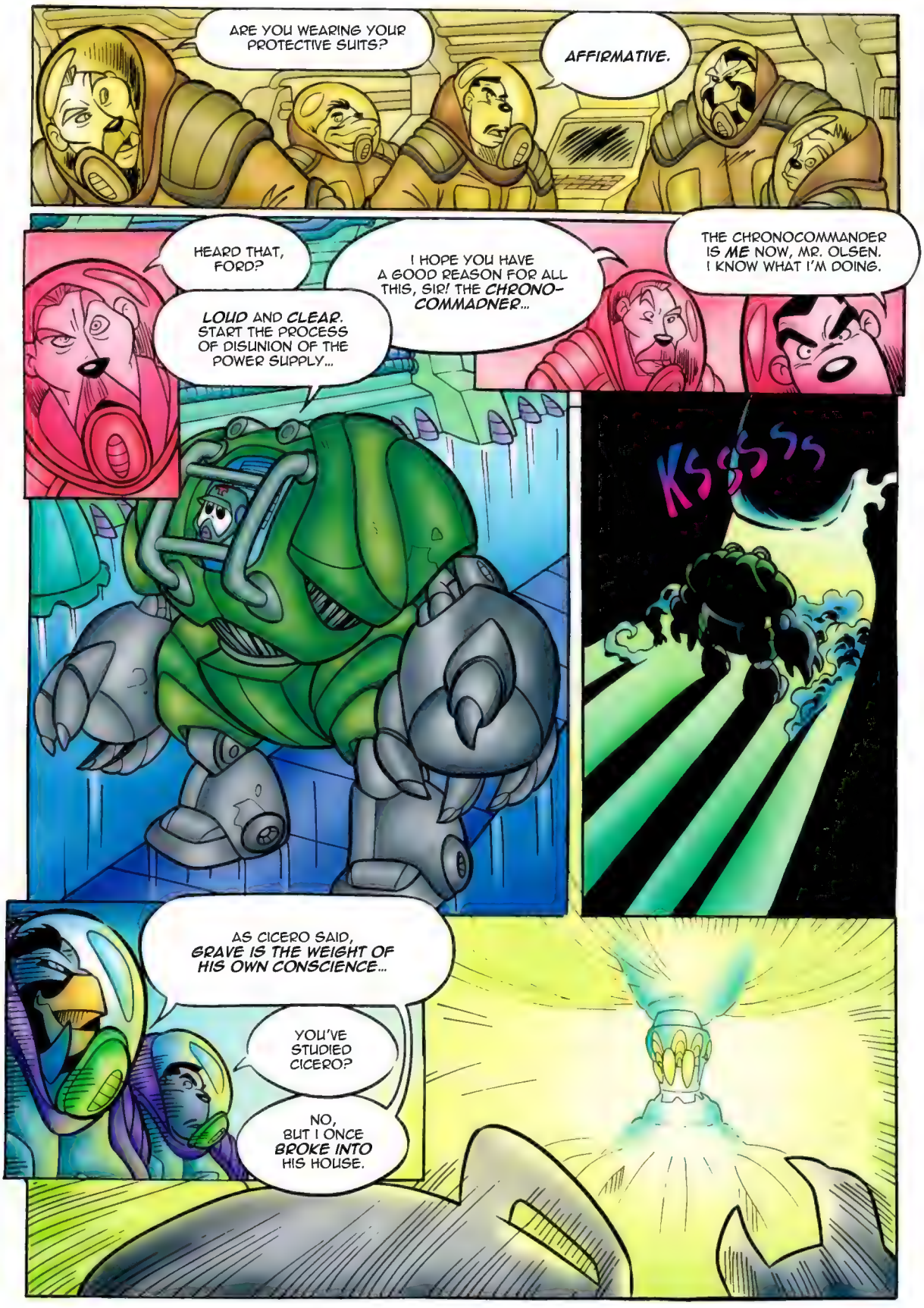
I LEAVE YOU IN GOOD COMPANY, PEOPLE. BUT HAVE NO FEAR...
... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
I SEE THAT YOU'VE WORKED VERY HARD TO FIND NEW ALLIES...
DO ME A FAVOR! BE QUIET!
OUCH...
RAIDER! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
I... I FEEL BAD, DUCK AVENGER... HE... HELP ME...
THE MEDICAL CENTER IS IN THE ACCOMMODATION AREA. ONE LEVEL BELOW.
OPEN THE DOOR. THE RAIDER NEEDS TREATMENT.
DON'T EVEN SAY IT, DUCK. KRONIN WOULDN'T BE HAPPY.
I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF! OPEN THE DOOR!
NOBODY TELLS RAGE WHAT TO DO.
ALRIGHT, GENIUS. I'VE WAITED TOO LONG...

I DIDN'T LIKE YOU FROM THE FIRST MOMENT I SAW YOU, MASKED DUCK.
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A STROKE OF LIGHTING...
LOOK OUT, AVENGER!
URGH!
SHIELD!
KRAM KRAM KRAM
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RUDE TO ME EVER SINCE I ARRIVED HERE! WELL, LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING...
... I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
POK
THE CONTROL ROOM IS ALL YOURS NOW.
THIS, HOWEVER, IS WHAT THEY CALL A STROKE OF CRASHER.
BWWWZZZZZ

GRIT YOUR TEETH. SOON YOU'LL BE BETTER.
UNLOCK EVERY SECTOR AND REACTIVATE COMMUNICATIONS.
THINK YOU CAN OPEN THAT DOOR?
IT WILL TAKE TIME, DUCK AVENGER. NASH HAS UNFORTUNATELY DONE A GOOD JOB.
I UNDERSTAND. STAND ASIDE!
WHATEVER YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO, KNOW THAT I'LL PUT IT ON YOUR ACCOUNT.
HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN SO UNPLEASANT OR DID YOU TAKE A SPECIAL COURSE?
FULL POWER!
KA-BOOM
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
AN EXPLOSION! IT CAME FROM THE CENTRAL COORDINATION ABOVE!


SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG, KRONIN. MAYBE WE SHOULD TURN BACK.
THERE'S NO TIME! FOR EVERY MOMENT THAT PASSES, TIME Ø DRIFTS AWAY MORE AND MORE...
THIS IS THE MAIN GENERATOR. THE POWER SUPPLY IS IN THERE.
LEAD THE WAY, NASH.
CLAC
IT HAS BECOME A HABIT.
MR. FULTON. MAY I KNOW WHAT...
HEY!
STOP! DON'T MOVE!
NO QUESTIONS! DO AS THEY TELL YOU AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
BUT AS SOON AS TIME Ø IS SAFE AGAIN, THOSE VILLAINS WILL GET THEIR JUST REWARD...
THEY'RE THE SERVICE TECHNICIANS. DON'T SHOOT.

YOU'RE LESS DETESTABLE THAN I THOUGHT, COMMANDER. I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT ON MY OWN.
I RECOGNIZE AN EMERGENCY WHEN I SEE ONE.
COME ON, RAIDER! WE SHOULD BE THERE NOW.
WA... COUGH... WAIT. TIME Ø'S DOCTORS CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME!
IT'S THE DECELERATOR THAT I NEED. WE MUST STOP KRONIN.
WITHOUT THAT MACHINE, THE BASE IS LOST...
BUT WITH THAT MACHINE HE'LL BE SAVED.

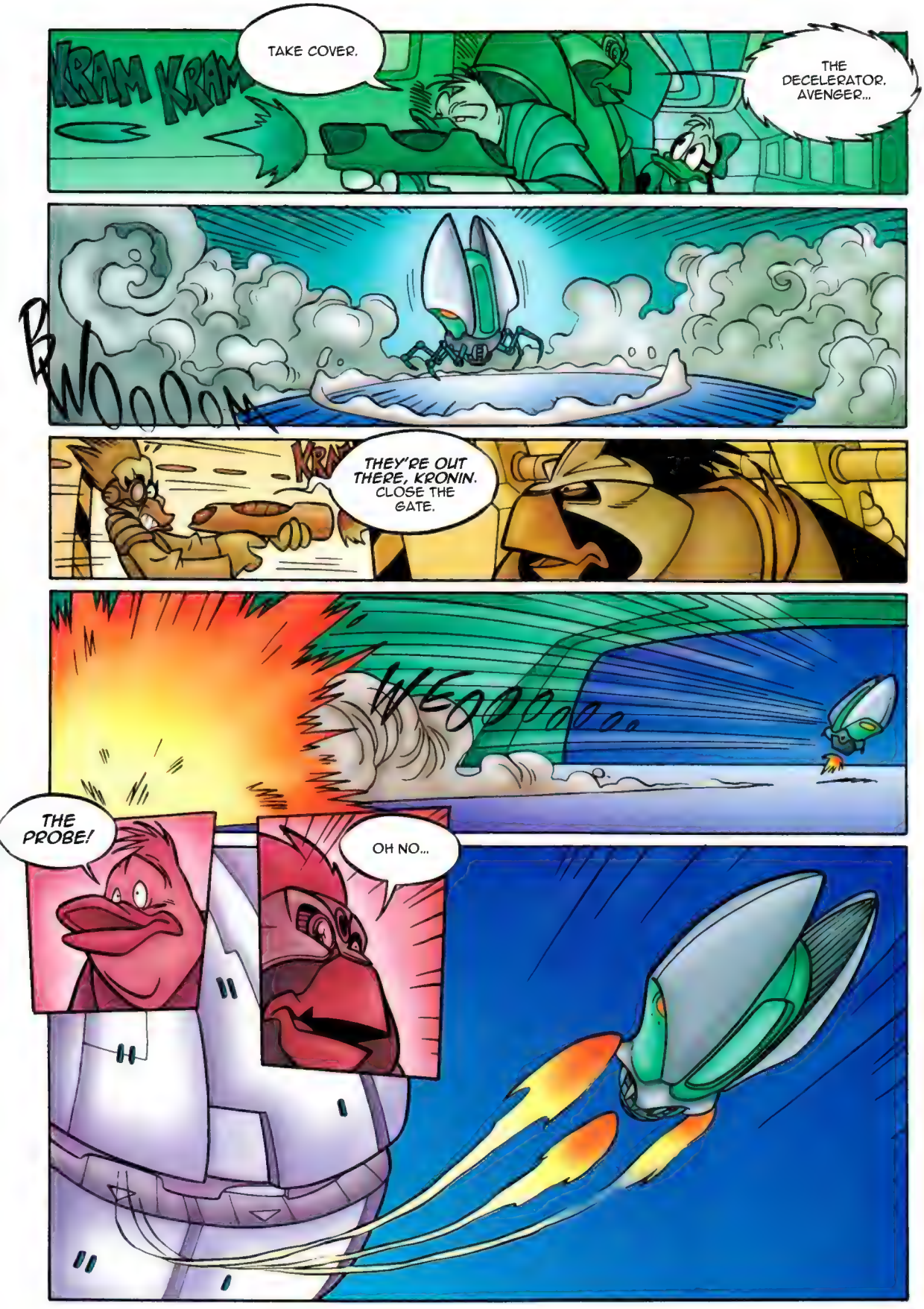

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR PROTECTIVE SUITS?
AFFIRMATIVE.
HEARD THAT, FORD?
I HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR ALL THIS, SIR! THE CHRONO-COMMADNER...
THE CHRONOCOMMANDER IS ME NOW, MR. OLSEN. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
LOUD AND CLEAR. START THE PROCESS OF DISUNION OF THE POWER SUPPLY...
Ksssss
AS CICERO SAID, GRAVE IS THE WEIGHT OF HIS OWN CONSCIENCE...
YOU'VE STUDIED CICERO?
NO, BUT I ONCE BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE.

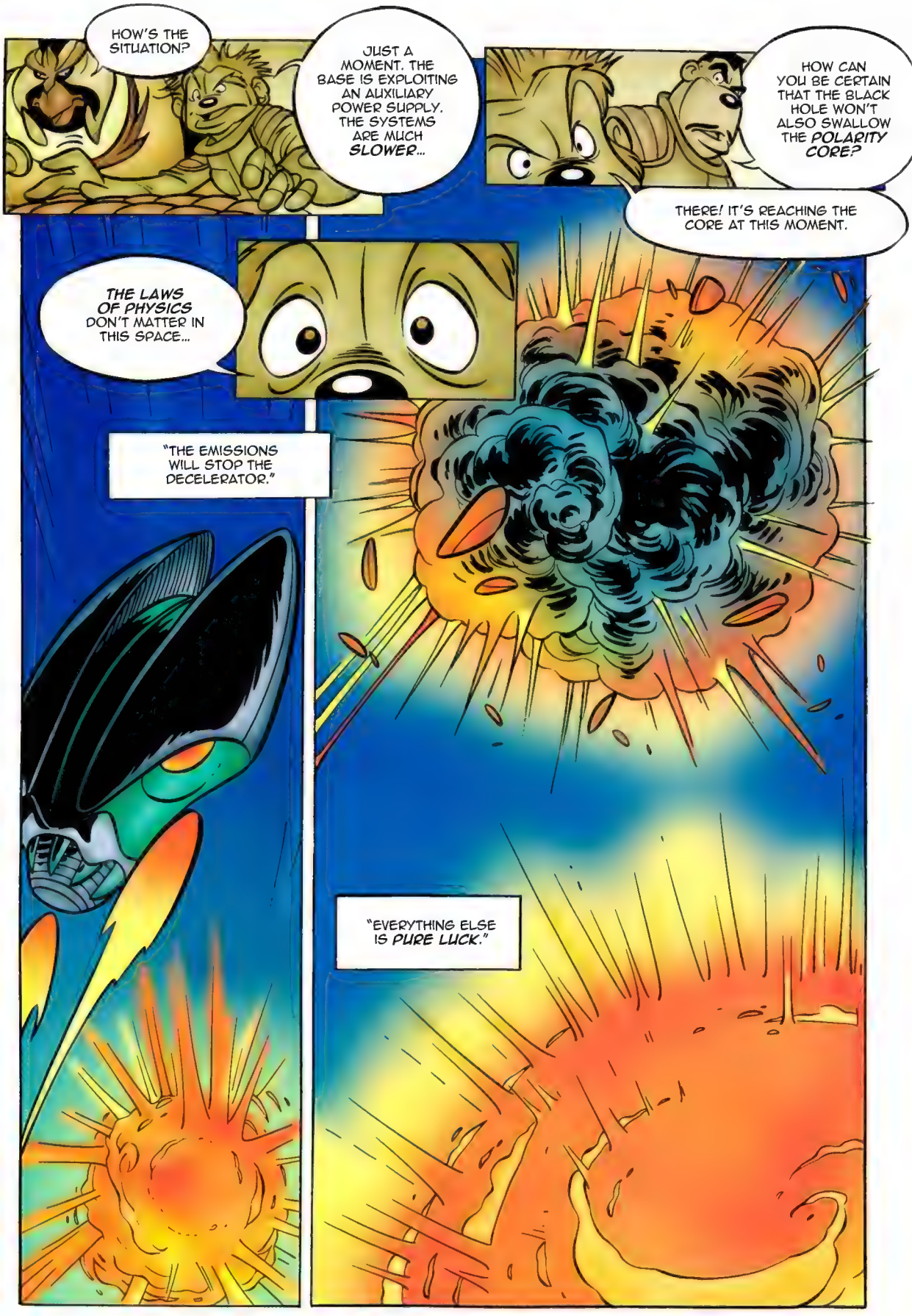
HUH? THE LIGHT WENT OUT.
THEY'RE DISCONNECTING THE POWER SUPPLY. THEY'RE ALREADY AT THE GENERATOR, THEN...
WE NEED TO PRECEDE THEM. THE PROBE WILL BE THEIR NEXT MOVE.
THEN THEY'LL GO TO THE TAKE-OFF AREA. SECTOR L-32...
CRASH
COUGH... IS... IS IT VERY FAR?
YOU CAN SEE THE BASTION DOWN THERE.
WE SAY, IF THERE IS ANY, THAT IT HELPS!
LET'S NOT WAIT. PUNCTUALITY IS THE FIRST RULE OF EVERY HERO.
I THOUGHT IT WAS COURAGE.

A GRAVITATIONAL COMMUTATOR WILL MAKE YOU LIGHTER. CAN YOU MAKE IT?
I HAVE A CHOICE?
AND THUS WE GO.
BLOOW
L-32. WE'RE AT THE LAST STOP, KRONIN.
NASH...
THE GATE, KRONIN...
"I KNOW..."
KSSSSS

PLACE IT ON THIS PROBE. GENTLY...
L-32
HANG ON! I'M NOT A SPECIALIST IN SOFT LANDINGS...
HUH?
BUMP
L-32
IS EVERYTHING IN ORDER?
LOOKS LIKE IT. I'M STILL CHECKING THE DECELERATOR'S SETTINGS, BUT WE SHOULD BE...
JUST A MOMENT AND WE'LL BE IN...
L-32
KZZZZZZ

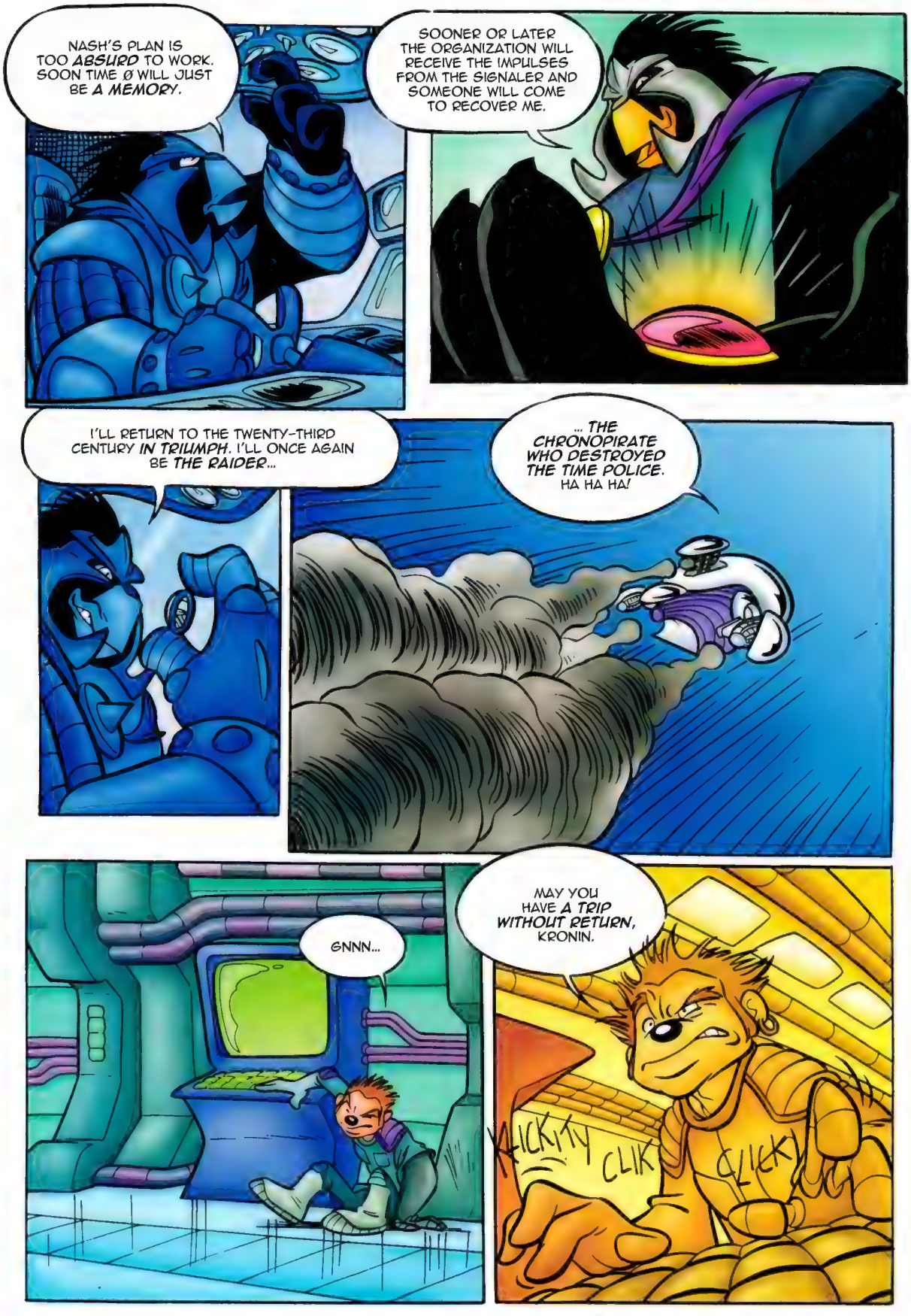
THE PROBE IS READY TO LAUNCH. CROSS YOUR FINGERS.
SORRY IF I DON'T JOIN YOU.
CLICK CLICK
YOU!
SKRRR
THAT'S IT? I WAS EXPECTING A MORE FESTIVE RECEPTION.
OUFF!
BZZZAP
IF YOU WANT FIREWORKS, I'LL SATISFY YOU RIGHT AWAY!
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING MORE SIMPLE?
KRAM-KRAM-KRAM

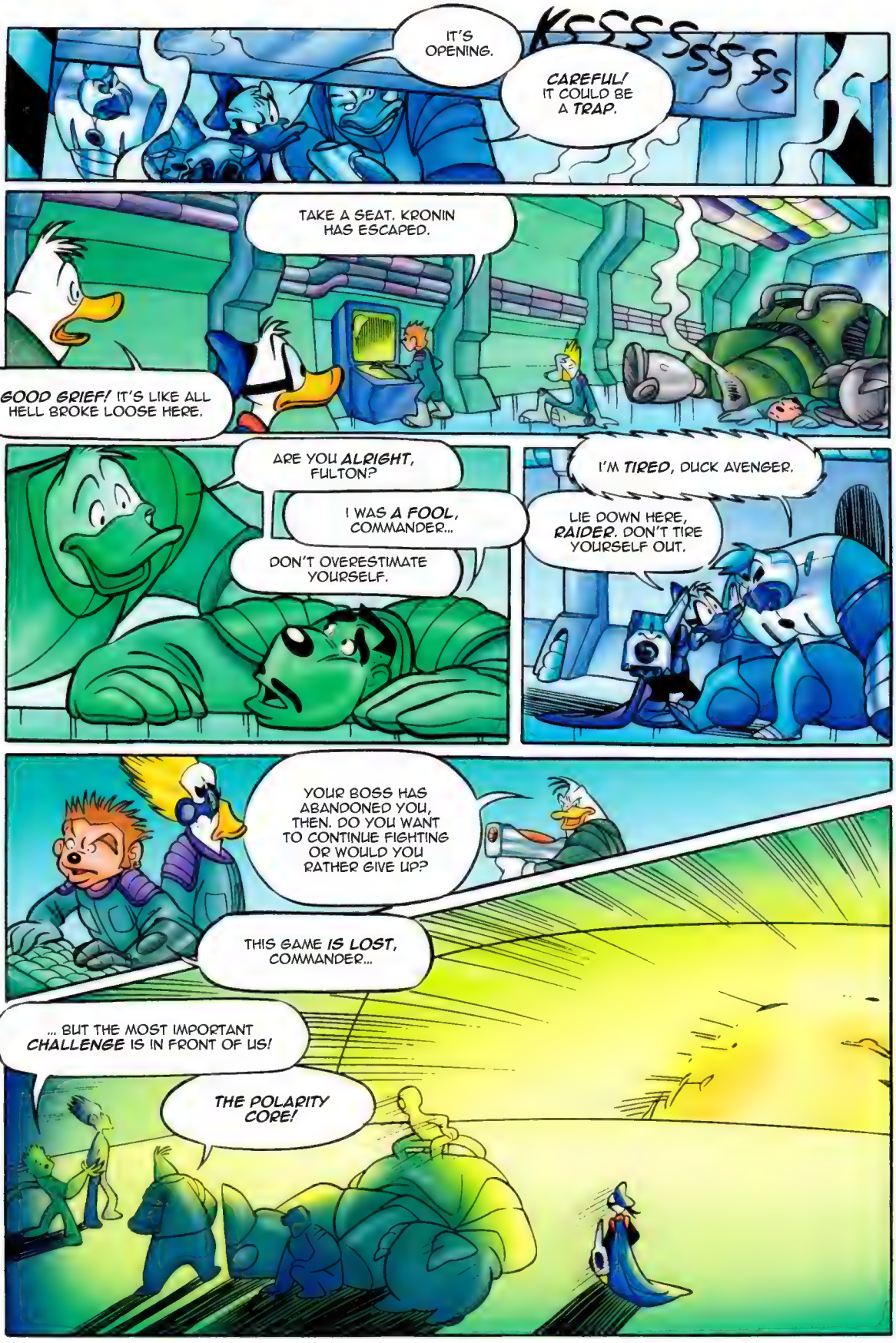

KRAM KRAM
TAKE COVER.
THE DECELERATOR, AVENGER...
WOOOOM
KRAM
THEY'RE OUT THERE, KRONIN. CLOSE THE GATE.
WOOOOOO
THE PROBE!
OH NO...

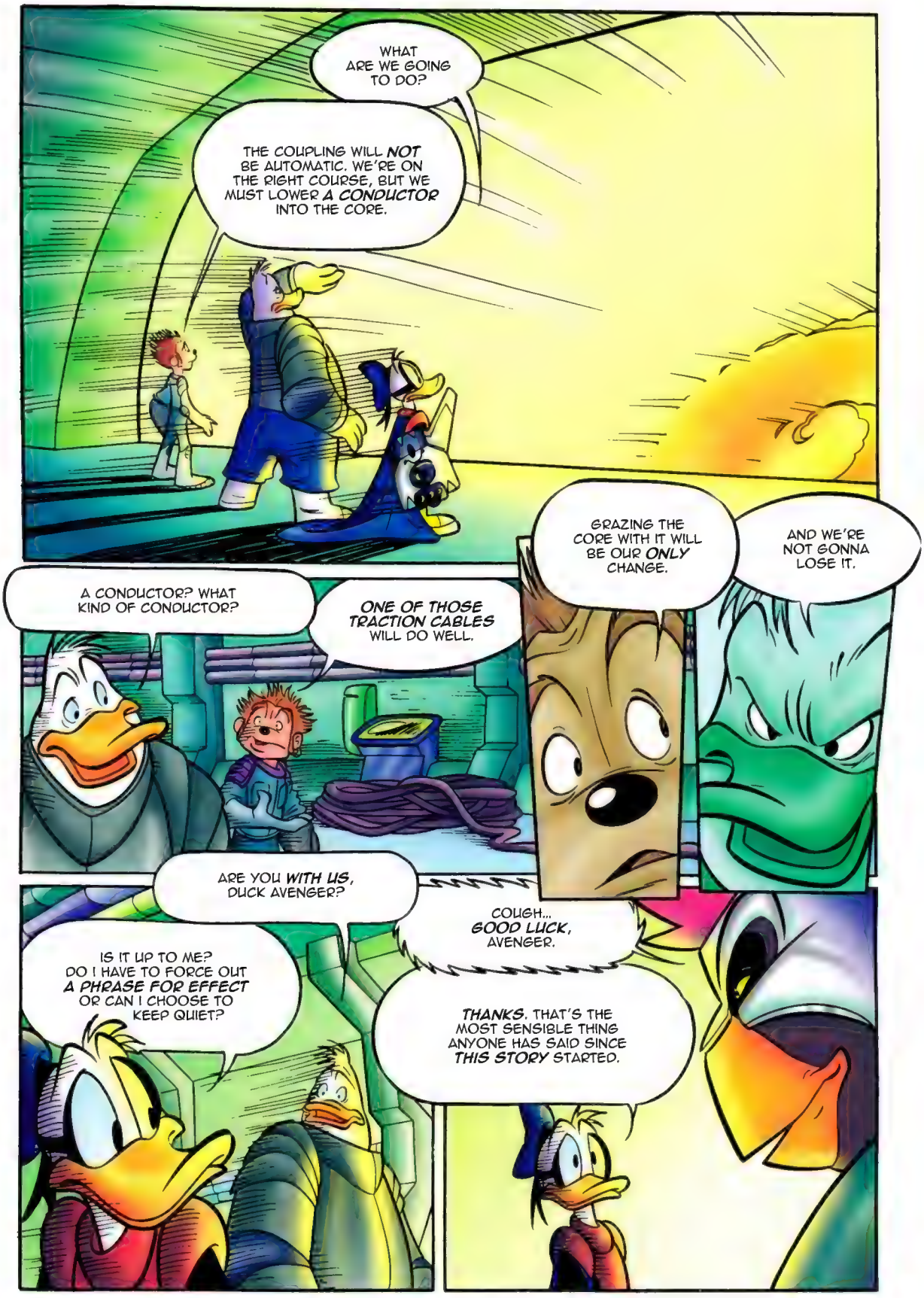

HOW'S THE SITUATION?
JUST A MOMENT. THE BASE IS EXPLOITING AN AUXILIARY POWER SUPPLY. THE SYSTEMS ARE MUCH SLOWER...
HOW CAN YOU BE CERTAIN THAT THE BLACK HOLE WON'T ALSO SWALLOW THE POLARITY CORE?
THERE! IT'S REACHING THE CORE AT THIS MOMENT.
THE LAWS OF PHYSICS DON'T MATTER IN THIS SPACE...
"THE EMISSIONS WILL STOP THE DECELERATOR."
"EVERYTHING ELSE IS PURE LUCK."

WHAT'S CREATED IN THE TIMELESS SPACE OF TIME Ø IS *A BLACK HOLE* OF FORCE AND CONTAINED DIMENSIONS...
... SUFFICIENT TO STOP THE BASE'S COURSE, DRAWING IT TOWARDS THE INSIDE.
FOR THE SECOND TIME A VIOLENT TREMOR SHAKES TIME Ø AND *THE FEAR* RETURNS TO SPREAD THROUGH THE TRAPPED TIME POLICEMEN IN BLOCKED SECTORS...
KREEEEEE
EEEK!
AHHH!
WE CAN PREPARE FOR COUPLING. IT'LL SOON BE *IN THE POLARITY CORE*.
GOOD...
... BUT NOW WE'LL PLAY BY *MY RULES!*
OUCH!
THUD
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, KRONIN! PREPARE TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR YEARS IN A CHRONOSTATIC CELL.
YOU'RE SO *FUNNY*, FULTON, SO LET ME REVEAL A SECRET...

I HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.
FZZ-ZZZZZAM
KRUMP
URGH!
GOODBYE, NASH! IT WAS A PLEASURE KNOWING YOU.
BUT KRONIN...
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF REMAINING HERE, WAITING PEACEFULLY TO END UP IN A BLACK HOLE.
I USUALLY NEVER LEAVE BEFORE A PARTY IS OVER...
OUFF!
FZZ-ZZAK
BWOOOO
BUT THIS TIME I WASN'T HAVING FUN!

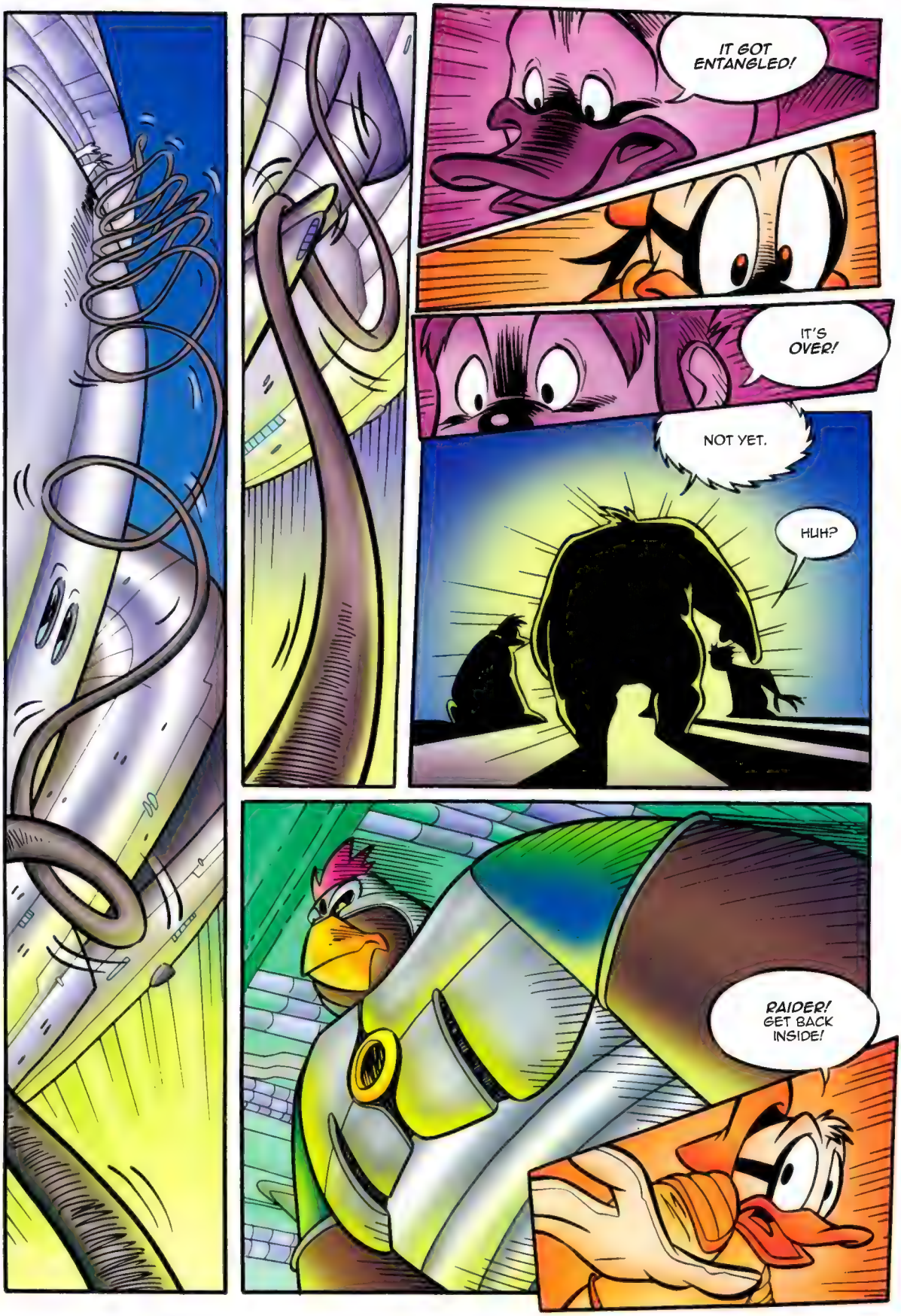

NASH'S PLAN IS TOO ABSURD TO WORK. SOON TIME Ø WILL JUST BE A MEMORY.
SOONER OR LATER THE ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE THE IMPULSES FROM THE SIGNALER AND SOMEONE WILL COME TO RECOVER ME.
I'LL RETURN TO THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY IN TRIUMPH. I'LL ONCE AGAIN BE THE RAIDER...
... THE CHRONOPIRATE WHO DESTROYED THE TIME POLICE. HA HA HA!
GNNN...
MAY YOU HAVE A TRIP WITHOUT RETURN, KRONIN.
KICKITY CLIK
CLICK!

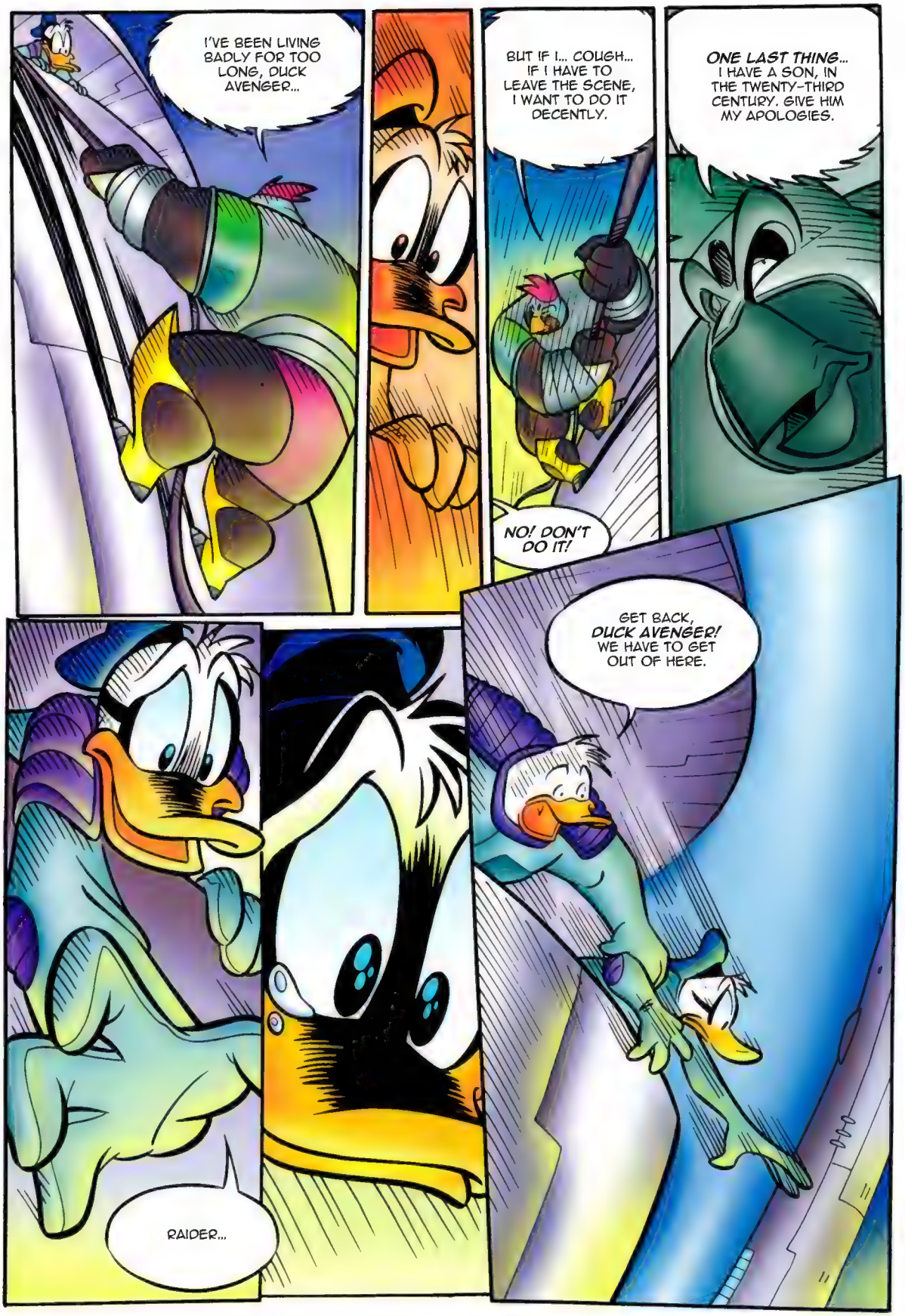

IT'S OPENING.
KSSSSSSSSS
CAREFUL! IT COULD BE A TRAP.
TAKE A SEAT. KRONIN HAS ESCAPED.
GOOD GRIEF! IT'S LIKE ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE HERE.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, FULTON?
I WAS A FOOL, COMMANDER...
DON'T OVERESTIMATE YOURSELF.
I'M TIRED, DUCK AVENGER.
LIE DOWN HERE, RAIDER. DON'T TIRE YOURSELF OUT.
YOUR BOSS HAS ABANDONED YOU, THEN. DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE FIGHTING OR WOULD YOU RATHER GIVE UP?
THIS GAME IS LOST, COMMANDER...
... BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE IS IN FRONT OF US!
THE POLARITY CORE!

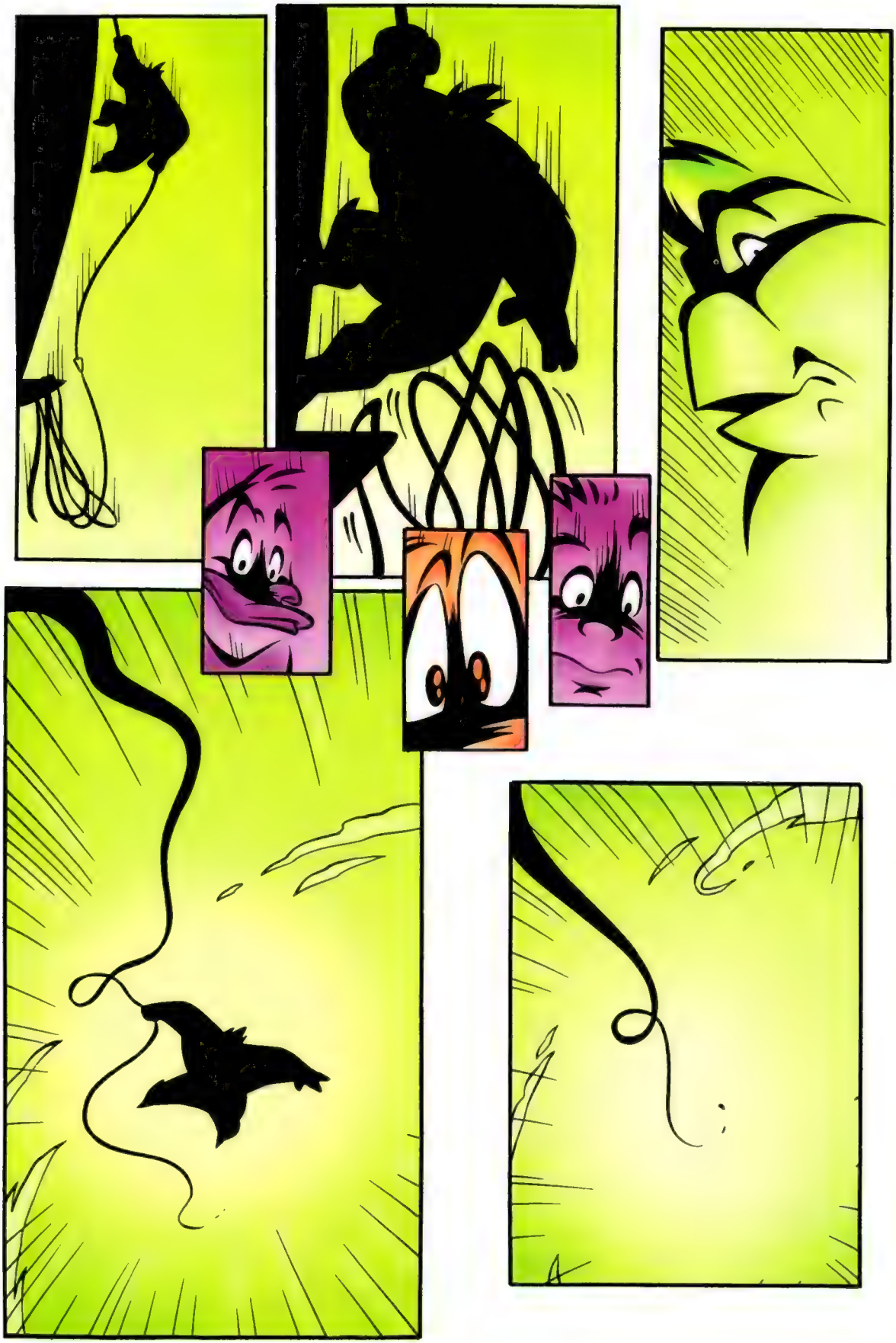

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THE COUPLING WILL NOT BE AUTOMATIC. WE'RE ON THE RIGHT COURSE, BUT WE MUST LOWER A CONDUCTOR INTO THE CORE.
A CONDUCTOR? WHAT KIND OF CONDUCTOR?
ONE OF THOSE TRACTION CABLES WILL DO WELL.
GRAZING THE CORE WITH IT WILL BE OUR ONLY CHANGE.
AND WE'RE NOT GONNA LOSE IT.
ARE YOU WITH US, DUCK AVENGER?
IS IT UP TO ME? DO I HAVE TO FORCE OUT A PHRASE FOR EFFECT OR CAN I CHOOSE TO KEEP QUIET?
COUGH... GOOD LUCK, AVENGER.
THANKS. THAT'S THE MOST SENSIBLE THING ANYONE HAS SAID SINCE THIS STORY STARTED.

WEAR THESE. AND TAKE THE WOUNDED OUTSIDE.
OKAY!
CONNECT AS MANY CABLES AS YOU CAN, USING THESE JOINTS. WE NEED TO LOWER DOWN A LOT...
CLAC
NASH SEEMS TO KNOW HIS STUFF.
HE'S PERHAPS THE *MOST BRILLIANT* ENGINEER I'VE EVER KNOWN.
IT'S A REAL *SHAME* THAT A GUY LIKE HIM WORKS FOR THE ORGANIZATION.
YEAH. BUT HE ONCE WORKED *FOR US*...
WHO DO YOU THINK *DESIGNED* TIME Ø?
OH!

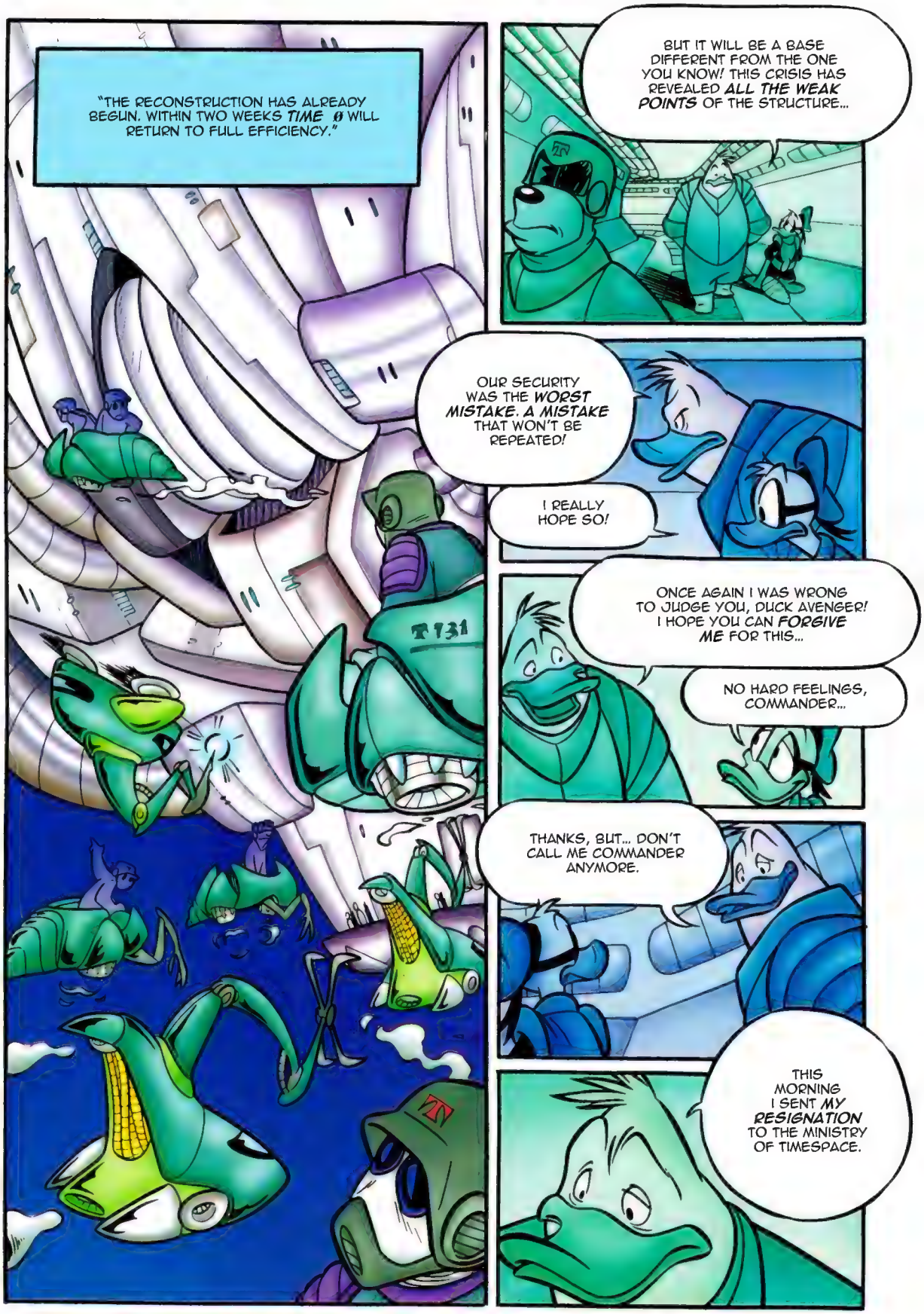
FASTER. QUICKLY!
COME ON! WE'LL BEGIN LOWERING THE CABLES.
WE'RE APPROACHING IT TOO FAST! THERE'S NO MORE TIME!
THROW IT DOWN, THEN. PUSH!


IT GOT ENTANGLED!
IT'S OVER!
NOT YET.
HUH?
RAIDER! GET BACK INSIDE!


I'VE BEEN LIVING BADLY FOR TOO LONG, DUCK AVENGER...
BUT IF I... COUGH... IF I HAVE TO LEAVE THE SCENE, I WANT TO DO IT DECENTLY.
ONE LAST THING... I HAVE A SON, IN THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY. GIVE HIM MY APOLOGIES.
NO! DON'T DO IT!
GET BACK, DUCK AVENGER! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.
RAIDER...



HELD BY AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE, THE BASE STOPS MOVING, AVOIDING THE INEVITABLE...
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DOESN'T IT WORK ANYMORE?
YOU... YOU CAN'T ABANDON ME LIKE THIS!
START SHINING AGAIN...
... I BEG YOU...
... START SHINING AGAIN...


"THE RECONSTRUCTION HAS ALREADY BEGUN. WITHIN TWO WEEKS TIME θ WILL RETURN TO FULL EFFICIENCY."
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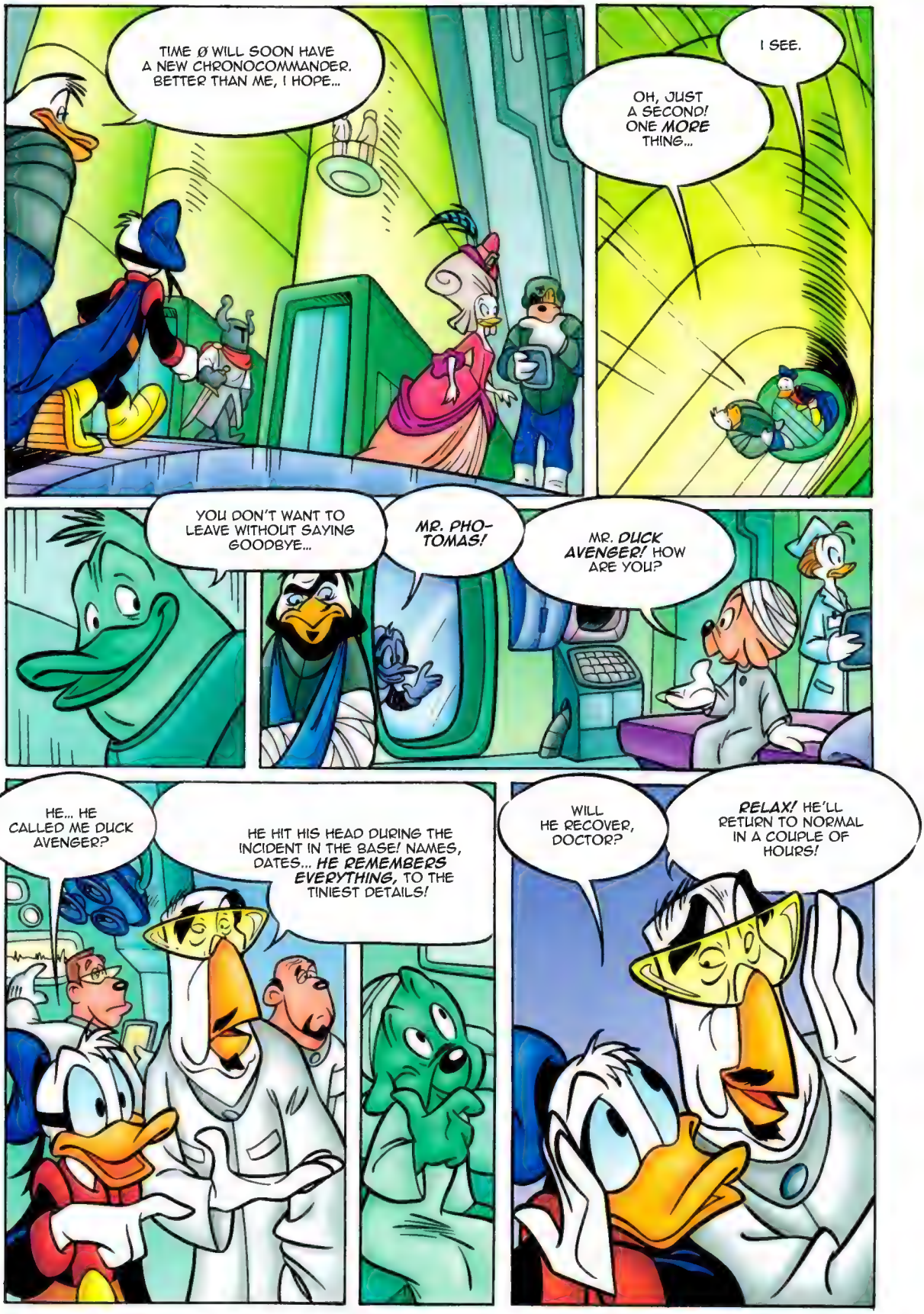
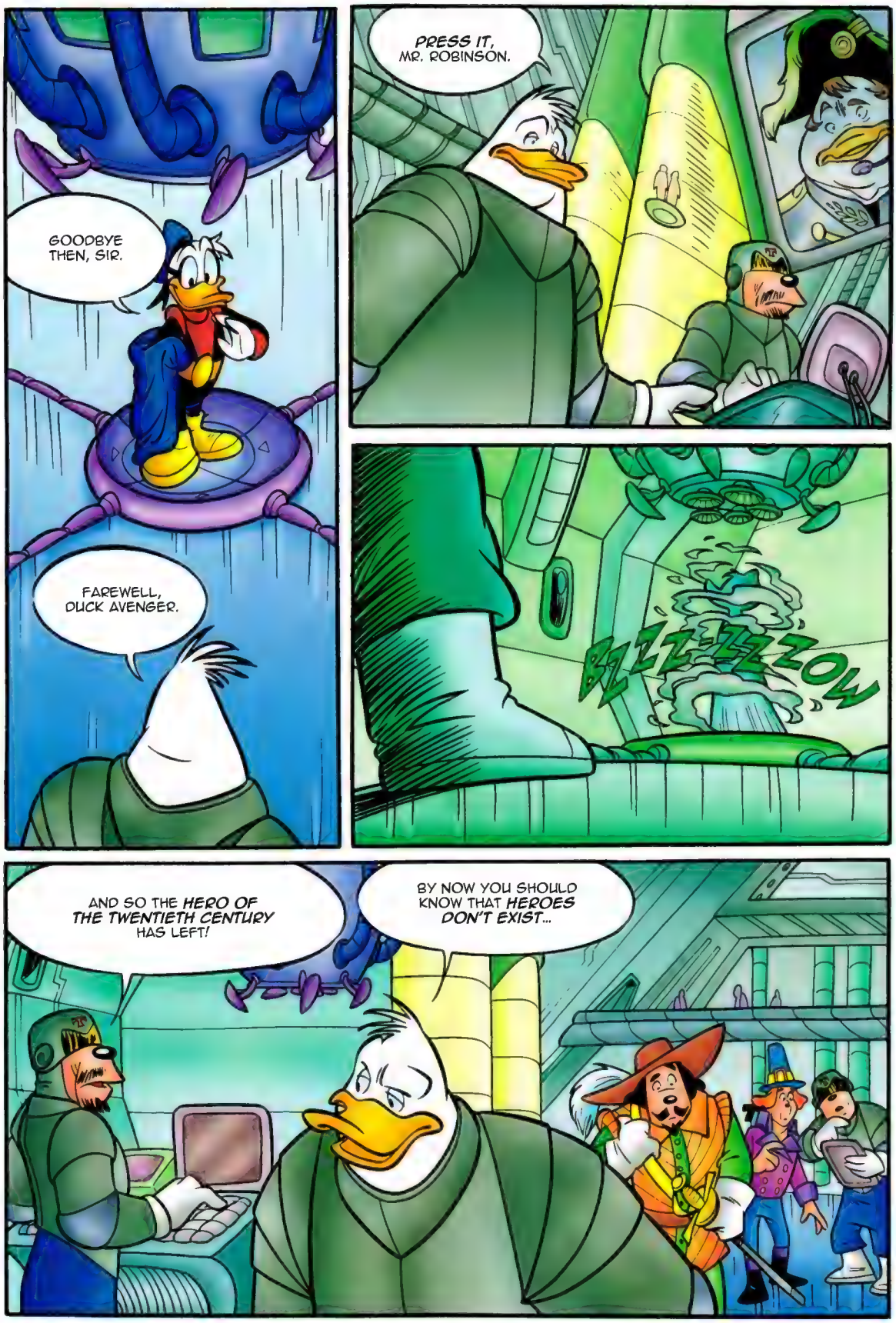
BUT IT WILL BE A BASE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE YOU KNOW! THIS CRISIS HAS REVEALED ALL THE WEAK POINTS OF THE STRUCTURE...
OUR SECURITY WAS THE WORST MISTAKE. A MISTAKE THAT WON'T BE REPEATED!
I REALLY HOPE SO!
ONCE AGAIN I WAS WRONG TO JUDGE YOU, DUCK AVENGER! I HOPE YOU CAN FORGIVE ME FOR THIS...
NO HARD FEELINGS, COMMANDER...
THANKS, BUT... DON'T CALL ME COMMANDER ANYMORE.
THIS MORNING I SENT MY RESIGNATION TO THE MINISTRY OF TIMESPACE.


TIME Ø WILL SOON HAVE A NEW CHRONOCOMMANDER. BETTER THAN ME, I HOPE...
I SEE.
OH, JUST A SECOND! ONE *MORE* THING...
YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE...
MR. PHO-TOMAS!
MR. *DUCK AVENGER!* HOW ARE YOU?
HE... HE CALLED ME DUCK AVENGER?
HE HIT HIS HEAD DURING THE INCIDENT IN THE BASE! NAMES, DATES... *HE REMEMBERS EVERYTHING,* TO THE TINIEST DETAILS!
WILL HE RECOVER, DOCTOR?
RELAX! HE'LL RETURN TO NORMAL IN A COUPLE OF HOURS!


GOODBYE THEN, SIR.
FAREWELL, DUCK AVENGER.
PRESS IT, MR. ROBINSON.
BZZZZZZOW
AND SO THE HERO OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY HAS LEFT!
BY NOW YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT HEROES DON'T EXIST...

... THERE ARE ONLY PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
HEROES AREN'T MADE AS WE THINK THEY ARE...
FINE

"IF SOMEONE TRIES TO SELL YOU A PIECE OF LAND ON *UDRON* AT AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING PRICE, DON'T BE FOOLED."
-I AM-
XAPHOON
"THIS PLANET IS COMPLETELY COVERED BY A *SINGLE, VAST OCEAN.*"
"I CAME HERE FOLLOWING A RADIO SIGNAL. IT'S A *DISTRESS CALL* IN STANDARD UNIVERSAL CODE..."
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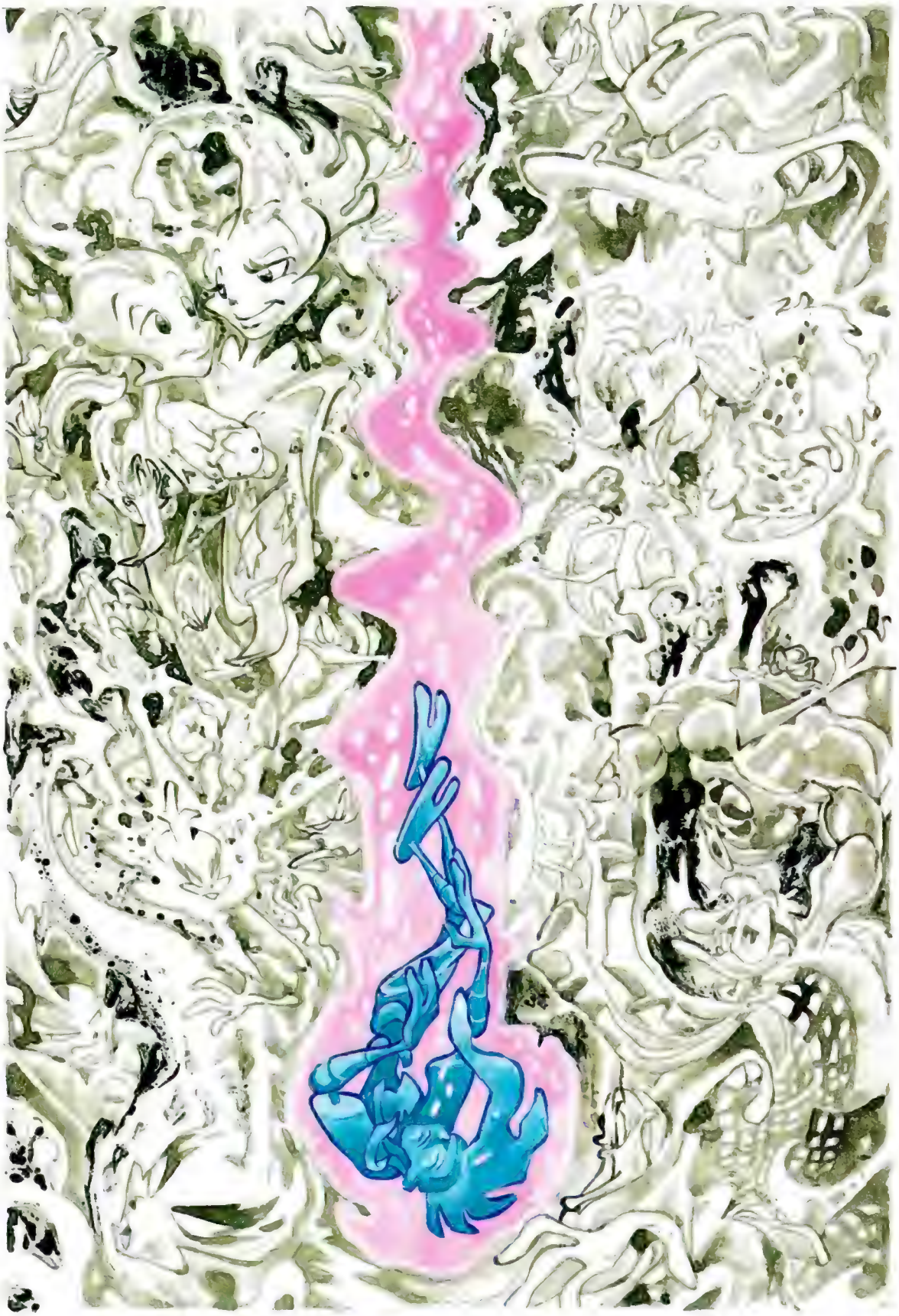
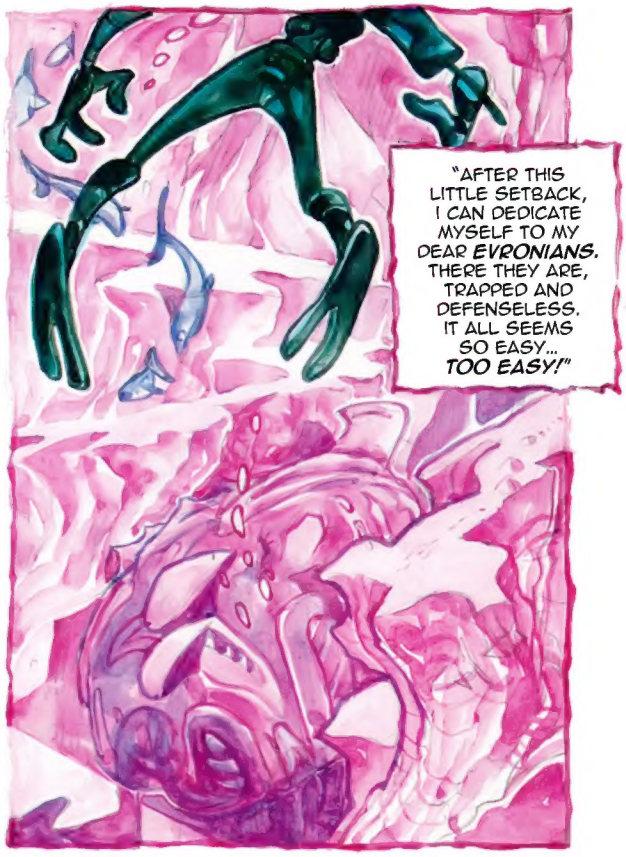
"WHOEVER SENT IT, THEY WERE *VERY LUCKY* THAT I WAS PASSING THOUGH THESE PARTS..."
"... OR MAYBE *NOT!*"
"AN EVRONIAN SPACESHIP! MUST HAVE HAD A FAILURE WHILE FLYING OVER THE PLANET. AND NOW IT'S STUCK DOWN IN THE BOTTOM."

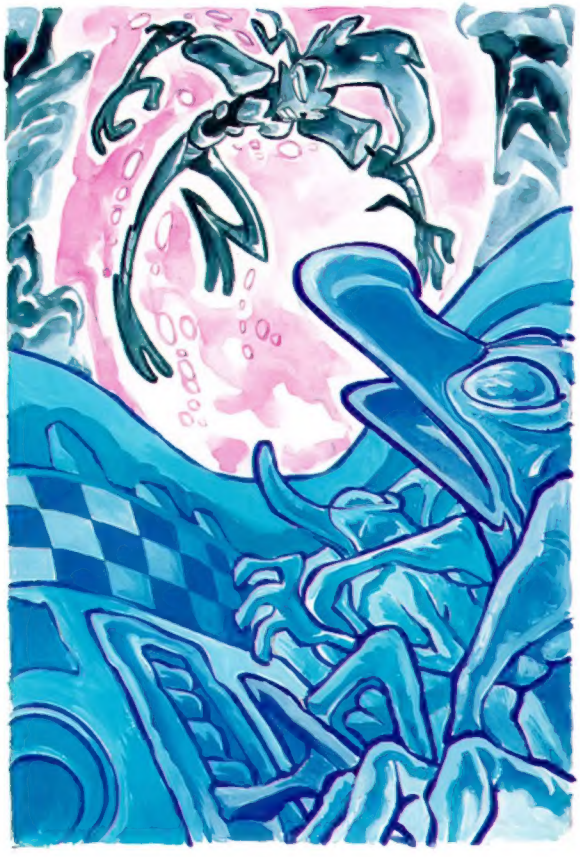
"THERE ARE DENTS AND LACERATIONS ON THE HULL. I DOUBT IT'S DUE TO THE IMPACT.
ALMOST LOOK LIKE... BITES?!"



"THIS LITTLE ANIMAL HAS A DECIDEDLY BAD CHARACTER... LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, ON THE OTHER HAND."
"LET'S SEE IF I TOO CAN GIVE HIM A BIT OF FEAR... MAYBE LIKE THIS!"

"I WONDER IF THOSE INSIDE THE SPACESHIP ARE ENJOYING THE SHOW!"
"IN NEED OF A TURN OF EVENTS, FOR EXAMPLE..."
"... SOMETHING ELECTRIFYING!"


"AFTER THIS LITTLE SETBACK, I CAN DEDICATE MYSELF TO MY DEAR EVRONIANS. THERE THEY ARE, TRAPPED AND DEFENSELESS. IT ALL SEEMS SO EASY... TOO EASY!"



"FIRST OF ALL, LET'S REMOVE SOME OF THE ROCKS!"

"I'VE SAVED THE SPACESHIP..."
LET'S DANCE.
"... NOW I CAN DESTROY IT!"
FINE
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